

O-6-15
Staff Report

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – Doors, Entrances & Exits - For the purpose of removing the requirement that all licensed establishments must keep their doors, entrances and exits closed at all times pursuant to Chapter 7.12 of the Annapolis City Code.

Anne Arundel County and the State of Maryland permit food service facilities to operate with open outer windows and doors. Code, Md. Code Ann., Health-Gen. § 21-324.1. The Annapolis City Code, Chapter 7.12 currently does not.

Passage of O-6-15 would permit all licensed establishments in the City of Annapolis to operate with exterior windows and doors open. The local health department is responsible for monitoring food service facilities while they operate with the outer doors or outer windows open.

If the local health department finds evidence of: (1) vermin in food preparation or food storage areas; or (2) flying insects in food preparation or food storage areas that pose a significant threat to sanitation or public health, the food service facility shall take immediate action to eliminate the vermin or flying insects. A local health department is authorized to close a food service facility found to be operating in violation of the law, or to order a temporary closure of the outer windows and outer doors at the food service facility, until the vermin or flying insects have been eliminated from the food preparation or food storage areas.

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