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## CBD Edibles

1 message

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**Kevin Paige** <kpaige@snet.net>  
To: healthdept@newmilford.org

Fri, Mar 19, 2021 at 4:29 PM

Does the New Milford Health Department require food service licenses for establishments selling CBD edibles?

Kevin Paige  
Buttheads Tobacco Emporium

Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail for iPhone

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## Workpklace Smoking

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Kevin Paige <kpaige@snet.net>

Wed, Jul 28, 2021 at 2:26 PM

To: "lmorrissey@newmilford.org" <lmorrissey@newmilford.org>

Lisa,

Will legislative changes in 19a-342 and 31-40q prohibit smoking at Buttheads in Gaylordsville on October 1?

Kevin Paige

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## Indoor smoking changes, second request

3 messages

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**Kevin Paige** <kpaige@snet.net>  
To: "lmorrissey@newmilford.org" <lmorrissey@newmilford.org>

Mon, Aug 2, 2021 at 10:53 AM

Lisa,

I reached out last week for clarification on changes that may affect my ability to smoke inside at Buttheads Tobacco in Gaylordsville. I have not received a response.

Can you please give me guidance on the impact of the changes to the Connecticut clean indoor air act? If you are unable to provide that guidance can you please direct me to where I can get it?

We are now within 60 days of implementation of the new rules. I need to make Plans under these new rules to avoid disruption of business.

Thank you,  
Kevin Paige

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**Lisa Morrissey** <lmorrissey@newmilford.org>  
To: Kevin Paige <kpaige@snet.net>  
Cc: "D. Randall DiBella" <drdibella@crameranderson.com>

Tue, Aug 3, 2021 at 10:45 AM

Good morning Kevin-

I conferred with our town attorney, and at this time we are not aware of new legislation enforceable by local public health impacting retail tobacco businesses. I respectfully refer you to the CT Department of Consumer Protection for guidance pertaining to retail tobacco operations.

Kind regards,  
Lisa

[Quoted text hidden]

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**Kevin Paige** <kpaige@snet.net>  
To: Lisa Morrissey <lmorrissey@newmilford.org>

Tue, Aug 3, 2021 at 11:01 AM

Lisa,

Thank you very much. Please let me know if anything does change.

Kevin Paige

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## Follow-up response from CT DCP re:smoking

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Kevin Paige <kpaige@snet.net>

Wed, Aug 11, 2021 at 9:16 AM

To: Lisa Morrissey <lmorrissey@newmilford.org>

Lisa,

It has been a week since I sent you Commissioner Seagull's response that 19a-342 and 31-40q changes passed in the Cannabis Act fall under the health department.

since the Connecticut Department of Public Health is decentralized, I am requesting once again, that you clarify to me what the impact of legislative changes will be on my tobacco shop in Gaylordsville.

Will this establishment meet any of the exemptions to either statute referred to above?

How will you be enforcing these statutes?

Will the New Milford Police be issuing infractions to violators?

Are you going to be notifying Town businesses of these changes?

Regards,  
Kevin Paige



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Wed, Aug 4, 2021 at 1:07 PM

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Kevin Paige

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**To:** Kevin Paige <kpaige@snet.net>  
**Cc:** O'Brien, Leslie <leslie.obrien@ct.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 4, 2021, 12:54:01 PM EDT  
**Subject:** RE: Ammendments to 19a-342 and 31-40q mandated by PA 21-01

Thank you for reaching out. These questions are best addressed by the Department of Public Health. We will share your email with them.

Michelle

Michelle Seagull  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 3, 2021 4:41 PM  
**To:** Seagull, Michelle <Michelle.Seagull@ct.gov>  
**Subject:** Ammendments to 19a-342 and 31-40q mandated by PA 21-01

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**RE: Fw: Amendments to 19a-342 and 31-40q mandated by PA 21-01**

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**Estrada, Juanita** <Juanita.Estrada@ct.gov>

Mon, Aug 16, 2021 at 8:28 AM

To: "lmorrissey@newmilford.org" <lmorrissey@newmilford.org>

Cc: "Walsh, Barbara" <Barbara.Walsh@ct.gov>, Randy DiBella <drdibella@crameranderson.com>, "Veneziano, Krista" <Krista.Veneziano@ct.gov>

Good morning Lisa,

I am copying Barbara Walsh in the DPH Tobacco Program on this email. She will be able to assist you and Mr. Paige with your questions.

Thank you,

Juanita

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**From:** Lisa Morrissey <lmorrissey@newmilford.org>

**Sent:** Friday, August 13, 2021 6:21 PM

**To:** Estrada, Juanita <Juanita.Estrada@ct.gov>

**Cc:** Randy DiBella <drdibella@crameranderson.com>

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Hi, Lisa!

I had some conversation myself with Mr. Paige and have some drafted material going through clearance; will get back to you as soon as I can; my last conversation with Mr. Paige was that we don't know of any exceptions that will allow smoking in his business.....FYI .....but I will send you something more formal.  
Barbara

(PS: Our conversation was 8/5)

Barbara Metcalf Walsh  
Program Supervisor  
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## Copies of correspondence

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Kevin Paige <kpaige@snet.net>  
To: Lisa Morrissey <lmorrissey@newmilford.org>

Fri, Aug 20, 2021 at 9:02 AM

Lisa,

Can you please furnish me copies of your correspondence to me that you refer to in your email from 8/19/21?

You refer to multiple responses (I am assuming emails) before 8/19/21.

I have only received your correspondence from 8/3/21 referring me to the Department of Consumer Protection for guidance.

Thank You,

Kevin Paige



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## Butthead's Tobacco - Gaylordsville 2nd followup request

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Kevin Paige <kpaige@snet.net>

Wed, Aug 18, 2021 at 11:14 AM

To: Lisa Morrissey <lmorrissey@newmilford.org>

Lisa,

I have not received any correspondence from you, your office, or the Connecticut Department of Public Health regarding my questions sent to you on August 11, 2021.

Please respond to the issues I have raised or notify me that you have forwarded these issues to another authority.

The impact on my business is something I need to potentially adjust for and your attention to this issue is time sensitive as changes are effective October 1, 2021.

Barbara Walsh has informed me that my business will be impacted by these changes and that the health department has jurisdiction. Correspondence with Michelle Seagull supports Barbara's statements.

Thank you for your prompt attention.

Kevin Paige





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## Previous correspondence request

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Kevin Paige <kpaige@snet.net>

Mon, Aug 23, 2021 at 7:11 PM

To: Lisa Morrissey <lmorrissey@newmilford.org>

Lisa,

I respectfully ask you to forward emails of the previous correspondence you referred to in your email from 8/19/21 where you informed me you were waiting for a response from CT DPH.

I can obtain it from a FOIA request if you prefer. That is not the avenue I care to pursue. I am trying to have a conversation that reaches an informed decision.

Kevin Paige