MEDIA ADVISORY

City of Milwaukee Health Department to award first letter grade to restaurant

Milwaukee Sanitation Grading System to begin on voluntary basis at restaurants and food establishments

MILWAUKEE – Alderman Michael J. Murphy invites the media to attend Milwaukee’s first Sanitation Grading of area restaurants and food establishments. He will be speaking after the inspection TODAY at 5:30 p.m. at 2416 W. State St. at the Five O’Clock Steakhouse.

Ald. Murphy and Ald. Bauman worked alongside the City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) to join cities nationwide in launching a grading system for food establishments by awarding the first letter grade following a regular inspection at the Five O’Clock Steakhouse.

Milwaukee’s Food Sanitation Grading System will result in letter grade placards posted at food service establishments citywide, improving how the MHD rates the sanitation of food service establishments and how that information is made available to the public.

Milwaukee’s Sanitation Grading System has been in development for several years, with Ald. Murphy partnering with the MHD and the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee Executive MBA Program to develop the system. Establishments will be awarded an “A,” “B,” or “C” grade, and a point value of a “C” or lower may prompt temporary closure of an establishment if an imminent health hazard exists.

The Sanitation Grading System will begin with the first inspections in January 2018, with posting of the Sanitation Grade placards voluntary for the first year. In 2019, posting of letter grade placards will be mandatory.

What: Milwaukee Sanitation Grading System Launch
Where: Five O’Clock Steakhouse, 2416 W. State St.
Time: 5:30 p.m. (*Inspection will take place prior)
Who: Alderman Michael J. Murphy
Alderman Robert Bauman
Commissioner of Health Bevan K. Baker