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**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 – On Tuesday, January 2, the City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) will 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 (2416 W. State St.).

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 Alderman Michael J. 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 & Letter Grade Award
- WHERE:** Five O’Clock Steakhouse  
2416 W. State St., Milwaukee
- TIME:** 5:30 p.m.  
\*Inspection will take place prior to letter grade award. B-roll opportunities available.
- WHO:** Alderman Michael J. Murphy  
Alderman Robert Bauman  
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