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Press Release:

Due to the recent water main break that has affected multiple sections of the City of Scranton, the Department of Licensing, Inspections & Permits issues the following directive, effective immediately, to all bars and food facility operators in the affected areas which are without running water:

1. Immediately cease and discontinue all food service operations;
2. Cold beverages may be served if, and only if, they are served in a plastic container, no glassware is to be used; (This exception does not apply to the service of coffee or other hot beverages as they require the use of running water.) and,
3. Any bar or food facility operator that wishes to remain open, while it is without running water, must procure portable toilets (i.e. Porta-Johns) with hand sanitizing products.

The City of Scranton is issuing this directive pursuant to section 46.1144 (5) of the Pennsylvania Food Code, which states in pertinent part, that a food facility operator shall immediately discontinue operations if an imminent health hazard may exist because of extended interruption of water service.

This directive shall remain in effect until such time as running water service is restored to the affected areas.

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