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The City of CITRUS HEIGHTS
is committed to providing
high quality, economical,
responsive city services
to our community.

December 8, 2022

Re: Senate Bill 1383 Edible Food Recovery Requirements Effective January 1, 2022 Tier 1 Commercial Edible Food Generator Notification Letter

Dear Business Owner:

A new California state law, Senate Bill (SB) 1383 "Short-lived Climate Pollutants," went into effect on January 1, 2022. SB 1383 requires certain food generators throughout California to implement an Edible Food Recovery Program. The program is intended to recover the maximum amount of surplus edible food for human consumption and redirect it to those in the local community who need it most through partnerships with food recovery organizations and services. You are receiving this notification as your business may be impacted by the Edible Food Recovery Program requirements.

An initial review of food-generating businesses located in the City of Citrus Heights indicates your business meets the following criteria as a "Tier 1 Commercial Edible Food Generator" set forth in SB 1383: *supermarket, grocery store with 10,000+ square feet, food service provider, food distributor, or wholesale food vendor.* See next page for full definitions.

The next step is to schedule a time to review Tier 1 criteria with you through an on-site visit or a virtual meeting platform using Zoom or Microsoft Teams. Our team will help your business navigate the State-mandated requirements of SB 1383 and facilitate your efforts to comply in a manner that supports you and your business. We can answer questions, help you find compatible food recovery organizations, and provide a template contract.

## What Does This Mean for my Business?

All Tier 1 generators are required to do the following:

- Recover and donate the maximum amount of surplus edible food that would otherwise be disposed (as compost or landfill) to feed people;
- Establish a written agreement/contract with all food recovery organizations/services that pick up, or receive, edible food from your business; and
- Maintain records of type, frequency and pounds of all food recovered each month.

## We are Here to Help with Business Compliance

Many businesses in the City of Citrus Heights are already helping donate edible food and reducing organic waste from going to landfill. For updated edible food recovery program information or to get started, email chrecycles@citrusheights.net for technical assistance at no additional cost.

A Sample Model Edible Food Recovery and Donation Agreement can be found at: <a href="https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/Docs/Web/117921">https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/Docs/Web/117921</a>.

Together, we can do this important work for our community by increasing access to nutritious food for those in need while reducing organic waste and greenhouse gas emissions resulting from edible food being landfilled!

Thank you,

Mary Poole

**Operations Manager** 

Enclosures: Edible Food Requirements & Food Recovery Organization List

## **Tier 1 Edible Food Generator**

(Deadline for compliance: 1/1/2022)

- Wholesale food vendor, a business or establishment engaged in the merchant wholesale distribution of food, where food (including fruits and vegetables) is received, shipped, stored, prepared for distribution to a retailer, warehouse, distributor, or other destination
- Food service provider, an entity primarily engaged in providing food services to institutional, governmental, commercial, or industrial locations of others based on contractual arrangements with these types of organizations
- Food distributor, a company that distributes food to entities including, but not limited to, supermarkets and grocery stores
- Grocery and supermarkets over 10,000 sq ft or revenue of more than \$2 million

## **Tier 2 Edible Food Generator**

(Deadline for compliance: 1/1/2024)

- Hotels with an on-site food facility and over 200+ rooms
- Restaurant facilities over 5,000 sq ft or 250+ seating capacity
- Health facilities with an on-site food facility and over 100 beds
- State agency cafeterias with over 5,000 sq ft or 250+ seats
- Local education facilities with an on-site food facility
- Large venue, a permanent venue facility that annually seats or serves an average of more than 2,000 individuals within the grounds of the facility per day of operation of the venue facility. A venue facility includes, but is not limited to, a public, nonprofit, or privately owned or operated stadium, amphitheater, arena, hall, amusement park, conference or civic center, zoo, aquarium, airport, racetrack, horse track, performing arts center, fairground, museum, theater, or other public attraction facility
- Large event, an event, including, but not limited to, a sporting event or a flea market, that charges an admission price, or is operated by a local agency, and serves an average of more than 2,000 individuals per day of operation of the event, at a location that includes, but is not limited to, a public, nonprofit, or privately owned park, parking lot, golf course, street system, or other open space when being used for an event