Montana Citizens To Help Streamline State Food Regs
Public Meetings in Missoula, Bozeman, and Billings
Announcing venue change in Missoula

Three Montana state agencies and a group of citizen stakeholders have begun a public process, mandated by the 2013 state Legislature, to review the state’s food laws and rules for inconsistencies, inefficiencies, and to gather ideas for improvement. House Bill 630, adopted by the 2013 Montana Legislature, also mandates a look at the potential for a cottage food law in Montana.

The Montana Departments of Agriculture, Health and Human Services, and Livestock will hold public meetings in January in Missoula, Bozeman, and Billings to receive public comment on Montanans’ experience with the state’s food laws and rules. Written comments are also welcome, and may be submitted via email to cojensen@mt.gov through February 7, 2014.

The results of this project will include a report to the Interim Economic Affairs Committee of the Montana Legislature along with recommendations for changes to improve the state’s food regulatory environment.

The first meeting will be held in Missoula on Thursday, January 9th from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on the University of Montana campus, in room 204 of the Continuing Education Building, located on the southeast corner of the University Center. The second meeting will take place at the Bozeman Public Library, 626 E. Main St, on Monday, January 13th from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The final meeting will be held in Billings at the Yellowstone County Courthouse Room 105, 217 N 27th St., Billings, on Tuesday, January 21st from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Missoula Public Meeting-venue change
Thursday, January 9th, 2014 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.
The meeting has been moved to a larger room on the University of Montana campus, Room 204 of the Continuing Education Building-attached to the southeast corner of the University Center. (It is also called the Todd Building.) There is parking adjacent to the building, and should be available because the meeting date is during the semester break.

Bozeman Public Meeting
Monday, January 13th, 2014 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.
Bozeman Public Library Large Meeting Room, 626 E Main St, Bozeman, MT 59715

Billings Public Meeting
Tuesday, January 21st, 2014 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.
Yellowstone County Courthouse Room 105, 217 N. 27th St., Billings, MT 59101

Written comments will be accepted through February 7, 2014, and should be sent to Cort Jensen at cojensen@mt.gov

For more information or to provide written comments, please contact Cort Jensen, Montana Department of Agriculture, at (406) 444-5402 or via email: cojensen@mt.gov. The Montana Department of Agriculture's mission is to protect producers and consumers, and to enhance and develop agriculture and allied industries. For more information on the Montana Department of Agriculture, visit www.agr.mt.gov<http://www.agr.mt.gov>.

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