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I am writing to inform you about the new bylaw in Hingham, Massachusetts, that will affect your Hingham business. General By-Law Article 45 Commercial Sale or Distribution of Water in Single-Use Bottles bylaw was passed during our April 2023 Town Meeting and will be enforced starting January 1, 2024.

In short, the bylaw states that no store/vendor in Hingham can sell non-carbonated, unflavored drinking water in single-use plastic containers less than one gallon in size. This ban also covers multi-packs of single use plastic water bottles.

Plain water under one gallon in size can still be sold in alternative packaging, such as aluminum cans, aluminum bottles or cardboard boxes. Plain water can continue to be sold in single-use plastic containers one gallon or greater in size.

The bylaw will be enforced by the Hingham Health Department starting January 1, 2024. The violations for non-compliance after this date are as follows:

- First Violation: Written Warning
- Second Violation: \$100 Fine
- Third Violation: \$200 Fine
- Fourth & Subsequent Violation: \$300 Fine

Each day a violation continues constitutes a separate violation. One sale of a bottle of water is considered a violation.

For more information please go to the Health Department Website or email healthdirector@hingham-ma.gov.

Thank you,

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