

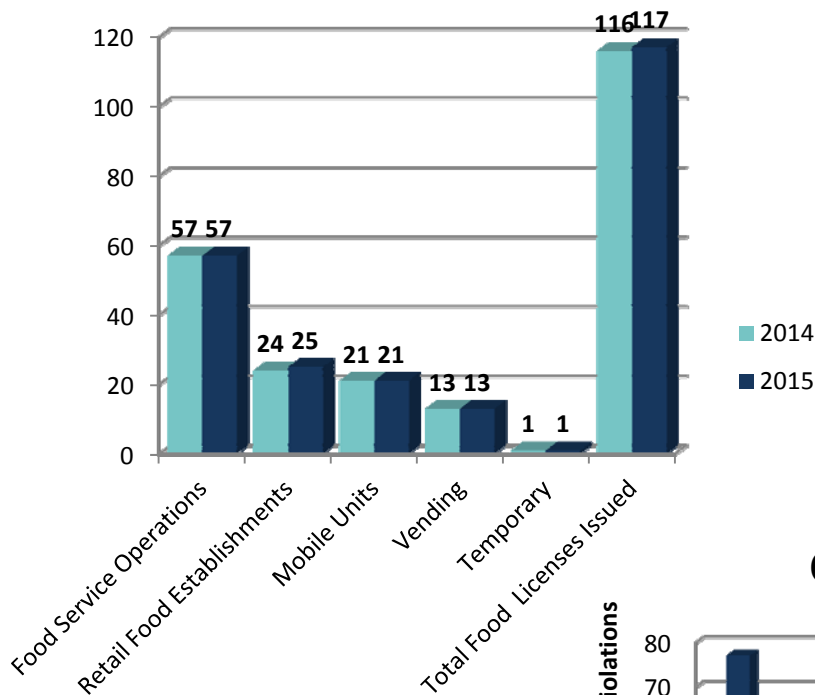
## Environmental Health Monthly Report for February 2016 Submitted by Stephanie Zmuda, RS

### Food Safety

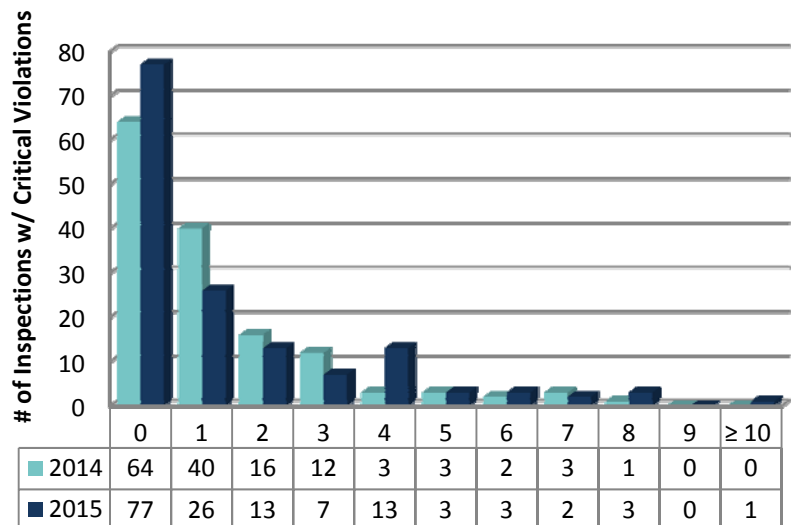
I earned the designation of National Restaurant Association Registered ServSafe Proctor in February, with the goal of helping local food service and retail food operators achieve Level 2 certification that will be required for each facility beginning March 1, 2017.

License renewal for 2016-17 has been a challenge. Each year food service operation and retail food establishment licenses expire on March 1. Renewals must be received or at least postmarked by March 1 to avoid the 25% penalty fee required in Chapter 3717 of the Revised Code. More operators have renewed late and the degree of lateness is greater than in recent years. Consideration will be given to process improvements for next year in order to eliminate late renewals.

### Food Licenses Issued



### Critical Violations



February was a busy months for inspections, as all inspections had to be completed before the end of the license year on February 29. Forty-two standard inspections and 20 critical control point inspections were completed in food service operations, and 3 process reviews and 17 standard inspections were completed in retail food establishments. A summary of critical violations observed is attached.

#### Public Health Nuisances

Six new solid waste nuisance complaints were reported in February. One ongoing solid waste case was heard in Crawford County Municipal Court on February 23. It is set for pre-trial on March 15.

#### Tattoo & Body Piercing

Galion Codified Ordinance Chapter 769 sets forth regulations for tattooing establishments in Galion. The effective date of the ordinance cannot be determined. Chapter 3730 of the Revised Code and 3701-9 of the Administrative Code also govern tattooing and body piercing at the state level. The state law and rules are comprehensive, reflect current trends in the body art industry, and place responsibility for enforcement with the local health department. Updates to the state rules became effective most recently in 2014. By comparison the ordinance is antiquated and responsibility for administration and enforcement are shared by the Mayor's office and the health department. I approached City Law Director Thomas Palmer about eliminating discrepancies between the codes and ordinance. He proposed to the Police, Fire & Health Committee and City Council that the ordinance be repealed. Trish and I were at the meetings to answer questions and speak in support of the repeal. It passed a first reading at Council on March 8.

Respectfully submitted,

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