

# St. Petersburg Food Shop Declares LGBT Ban

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If you consider trendy health food to be hippy-dippy, think again: An organic farm shop in St. Petersburg is banning gay customers from entering its premises.

A wooden sign at the city's "Bread and Salt" store declares that "faggots are banned" from the shop, Russia's Fontanka news agency reported.

LGBT activists from advocacy group "Vykhod" (Coming Out) have already appealed to local police officers to remove the sign. The group's lawyers are currently considering whether to press charges of "inciting hatred" against the shop, the activists wrote on Facebook.

The shop, which specializes in organic food, was opened on April 7 by prominent Orthodox activist German Sterligov. He has already announced plans to open 4 more branches of the store across St. Petersburg.

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