



# R&R 22-01 to Align with Updated State Food Code Regulations

Board of Health

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## **Mission of the Food Protection Program**



To reduce the risk of foodborne illnesses by promoting safe food handling practices in all our retail food establishments.

# Food and Facilities Program

- > 12,000 retail food businesses and ~ 3,000 temporary events and Farmers Markets
- ~800 food business plans reviewed/approved.
- > 15,000 food safety inspections and ~ 5,000 food safety consultation visits
- >50,000 food handlers training online and in-person.
- > 1,000 public complaints
- ~ 100 foodborne outbreaks

Public Health  
Seattle & King County

**FOOD SAFETY RATING**

This business has received a food safety rating of:

 **GOOD**

Possible ratings:

 NEEDS TO IMPROVE	 OKAY	 GOOD	 EXCELLENT
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For more information, text:  
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更多資訊, 請致電或傳真:  
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Para obtener más información,  
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text: **king food to 468311**

Business name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Permit #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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www.KingCounty.gov/FoodSafetyRating

# Background on R&R 22-01

- Chapter 246-215 WAC and Title 5 of King County Food Code, which adopts WAC 246-215 by reference.
- Previous version of Chapter 246-215 WAC was based on the 2009 U.S. FDA Model Food Code.
- As of March 1, 2022, Chapter 246-215 WAC is based on the 2017 version of the FDA Model Food Code.
- WA-SBOH has adopted Chapter 246-215 WAC incorporating from simple edits, repeal of outdated sections, and definition updates to significant changes in food safety practices.
- WA-DOH is recommending a six months educational grace period to help food businesses implement the new changes.

# State stakeholder involvement

- The revisions are the outcome of a multi-year process coordinated by the Washington State Food Safety Advisory Council (FSAC).
- The FSAC is comprised of voting stakeholders:
  - Regulatory agencies,
  - Consumer advisory groups,
  - Hospitality businesses and
  - Concerned citizens.

***PHSKC coordinated with DOH food safety program to receive input from King County businesses.***

## **Changes to the State Food Code**

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Certified Food Protection  
Manager Requirement

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Date Marking for 7-Day

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Refilling Reusable Consumer-  
Owned Containers

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Vomit and Diarrhea Cleanup  
Kit

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Dogs in Outdoor and Some  
Indoor Areas

**Changes to the  
State Food  
Code**

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Donated Foods

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Mobile Food Units

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Employee Health

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Food-Specific Changes

# Equity Implications

- None of the changes are anticipated to have significant economic or operational impacts to any size of food business.
- DOH is implementing an educational grace period (and avoiding penalties for compliance deficiencies) to provide additional time for retail food business owners to fully understand the requirements and incorporate the changes into their practices.



# Questions?

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