AMENDED NOTICE: SNHD SEEKING INPUT ON POTENTIAL BUSINESS IMPACT OF PROPOSED 2023 FOOD REGULATIONS
Comment Deadline Extended Until September 16, 2022

The Southern Nevada Health District (Health District) Environmental Health Division (EH) intends to propose 2023 Food Regulations to the Southern Nevada District Board of Health (BOH) in a public hearing on November 17, 2022, for possible action. A copy of the proposed regulations may be obtained on the Health District website at www.snhd.info/public-notices.

PURPOSE OF NOTICE

In accordance with NRS 237.080, businesses, business owners, and interested parties may submit data and arguments to the Health District as to whether the proposed 2023 Food Regulations will:

1. Impose a direct and significant economic burden upon a business; or
2. Directly restrict the formation, operation, or expansion of a business.

Any comment submitted should be specific as to how and why a particular change imposes such a burden.

HOW TO SUBMIT DATA AND ARGUMENT

You may submit data and arguments about the impact of these proposed regulations through any or all of the following ways:

1. Complete an online survey here: https://www.snhd.info/foodregsbis
2. Via mail to: Southern Nevada Health District
   Attention: EH - Heather Hanoff
   280 S. Decatur Blvd.
   Las Vegas, NV  89107
3. Via email to: foodregs@snhd.org

In order for your comments to be analyzed and included in the Business Impact Statement you must submit your input to the Health District no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 16, 2022.
BACKGROUND

The Health District is responsible for state-mandated environmental health permitting and inspections for food establishments in Clark County, Nevada. The EH division of the Health District has not had an update to the Regulations Governing the Sanitation of Food Establishments since 2010, which was modeled after the 2005 Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Food Code. Over the last 10 years, the Health District has processed over 2,000 waivers which have allowed us to understand the areas of the regulation that need updating.

PROPOSED CHANGES

The Health District proposes updating the food regulations to more closely reflect the 2017 FDA Model Food Code and 2019 Food Code Supplement. These 2023 Food Regulations will allow businesses to focus their efforts on managing food safety risks. The major changes are listed in the 2023 Food Regulation Changes by Chapter document located at https://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/download/eh/2022/regs/SNHD-2023-Food-Regulations-Changes-by-Chapter.pdf. Some items of interest include a requirement for the person in charge to be a certified food protection manager, food handler safety training card exemptions, temporary food establishment exemptions, and reduced oxygen packaging without a waiver criterion. The Health District believes that these changes will result in an environment that is business-friendly and promotes continued growth while protecting public health.

The proposed regulations will not change EH division revenue.

PRESENTATION OF A BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH

After considering all data and arguments received on the proposed 2023 Food Regulations, the Health District will make a determination as to the likely impact on business and prepare a Business Impact Statement.

Pursuant to NRS 237.090, the Board of Health will consider the Business Impact Statement at a public meeting on Thursday, October 27, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. At that time, it is anticipated that the Board of Health will set a PUBLIC HEARING for November 17, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., to consider approval of the proposed 2023 Food Regulations or other possible action. An agenda with instructions on how to attend the October 27, 2022, public meeting will be posted at least three working days before the meeting at https://www.snhd.info/boh. An agenda with instructions on how to attend the November 17, 2022, public hearing will be posted at least three working days before the meeting at https://www.snhd.info/boh.