



Lake County Illinois

Legislation Text

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Ordinance amending Chapter 173 of the Lake County Code of Ordinances - Food Service Regulations.

- Amendments are proposed to Chapter 173 of the Lake County Code of Ordinances in order to conform with Illinois Department of Health (IDPH) requirements, primarily the adoption of the new Illinois Food Code, which is based on the 2017 US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) model code.
- IDPH requires all local health departments to adopt and implement the new Illinois Food Code by January 1, 2019.
- Significant proposed revisions include language that:
 - Clarifies the types of food service facility permits that are issued;
 - Adopts the regulation of food vending machines to make it with consistent with the new Illinois Food Code (removing many of the outdated existing requirements for food vending machines in the current Chapter 173);
 - Enhances the reporting of an imminent health hazard to the health department;
 - Ensures more timely correction of priority items (critical violations) to no more than 3 days; priority foundation items (violations that could lead to a critical violation) to no more than 10 days; and core items (non-critical violations) must be corrected in no later than 90 days; and
 - Eliminates a scoring system, which includes “pass” or “fail” and instead includes inspection results which indicated whether there is a need for re-inspection or not.
- Most of the program’s current processes will not change with the implementation of the new Illinois Food Code as the program has operated on a risk-based, educational basis since the 1990s.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Lake County Health Department is authorized to enforce a local ordinance regulating food service facilities to protect the public’s health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Board incorporated the Lake County Food Service Regulation Ordinance into the Lake County Code of Ordinances at Chapter 173 on November 12, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Health Department is proposing amendments to this Chapter to conform to Illinois Department of Health (IDPH) requirements by adopting by reference the new Illinois Food Code: and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Board of Health has approved the proposed amendments to Chapter 173 on July 25, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Board of Health has recommended that the proposed amendments to Chapter 173 be referred to the County Board for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that the amendments to Lake County Code of Ordinances Chapter 173 herewith be approved and made a

matter of Lake County law.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Lake County Clerk is hereby authorized to distribute certified copies of the amended Ordinance to the County Administrator, Comptroller, and the Executive Director of the Lake County Health Department.

DATED at Waukegan, Illinois, on September 11, 2018.