

City Council Introduction: February 26, 2018

BILL NUMBER: 18-20

Public Hearing: March 5, 2018

Date Factsheet Prepared: February 6, 2018

FACTSHEET

TITLE: Amending LMC 8.20 Lincoln Food Code; various sections

BOARD/COMMITTEE: Board of Health

APPLICANT: Health

RECOMMENDATION: For

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: For

OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED: None

SPONSOR: Health

OPPONENTS: None identified

REASON FOR LEGISLATION

To update LMC 8.20 Lincoln Food Code by adding new sections on the Clean-up of Vomiting and Diarrheal Events, Handwashing Signage, and Food Handler Permit Requirements.

DISCUSSION / FINDINGS OF FACT:

On Responding to Contamination Events (LMC 8.20.065), the intent is to ensure that food employees know how to clean up vomiting and diarrheal events in a manner that protects the public and employees from possible exposure. Putting the proper response into action in a timely manner can help reduce the likelihood that food may become contaminated and that others may become ill as a result of the accident. This section is modeled after the FDA Model Food Code.

Requiring Handwashing Signage (LMC 8.20.075) near hand sinks is a simple, common sense approach to encouraging food handlers to wash their hands. This section is modeled after the FDA Model Food Code.

Creating a Food Handler Permit Exemption (LMC 8.20.235) for volunteer servers that only serve food at temporary food establishments or temporary events will create specific training requirements to protect public health, yet still allow large events that use volunteer servers to continue to operate in our community. Volunteer food servers will be required to be trained in food safety by the Food Protection Manager, affirm they have not been ill in the last 48 hours, and practice no-bare hand contact with food.

The Food Advisory Committee approved these proposed new additions to LMC 8.20 Lincoln Food Code on November 9, 2017.

In November 2017, licensed food establishments were mailed the proposed changes to LMC 8.20 and invited to provide feedback by email, phone or by attending one of three public meetings. In December three public meetings were held, attracting 14 attendees. LLCHD reviewed the proposed code. Feedback was encouraged and good discussion occurred at all three meetings. As a result of the public meetings, some changes to the Clean-up of Vomiting and Diarrheal Events were created. Questions focused on how and where to purchase a bodily fluid clean up kit. No one opposed the proposed code sections.

On January 9, 2018, the Board of Health reviewed, discussed and unanimously approved the proposed code sections.

POLICY OR PROGRAM CHANGE: Yes No

OPERATIONAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT: N/A

COST OF TOTAL PROJECT: N/A

RELATED ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS: N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A

CITY: N/A

NON CITY: N/A

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