

## CHAPTER IX

### FOOD CODE

9.1 **Purpose** - These regulations are enacted for the purpose of enhancing the public health by preventing, reporting, controlling, treating and eliminating food borne illnesses and dangerous diseases and for that purpose they are intended to adopt Chapters 1 through 8, inclusive, of the City of Columbia, Missouri Food Code effective as of the date this Chapter is adopted by the County Commission of Boone County.

9.2 **Statutory Authority and Incorporation of Certain Regulations by Reference-** These regulations are enacted under authority vested in the County Commission of Boone County, Missouri by section 192.300 RSMo. Chapters 1 through 8 of the “City of Columbia, Missouri, Food Code” adopted by the city council of the City of Columbia on January 16, 2001, as amended and effective as of the date this Chapter is adopted by the County Commission, is hereby adopted and shall be called the “Boone County Food Code” and is hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein verbatim except as modified by section 9.4 below.

9.3 **Definitions** - As used in this chapter, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the definitions found in Chapter I of this Code shall be applicable to this chapter and the following words and terms shall have the following special meanings:

9.3.1 **Health Director or Director** - The Health Director shall be the “regulatory authority” as the term is used in the Boone County Food Code. The Health Director shall generally supervise the administration of this chapter. As used in this chapter, the term Health Director or Director shall also include any person to whom the Director has delegated the performance of any duties required

of the Health Director under this chapter. A Health Director also may be specially appointed if ordered by the Boone County Commission under circumstances reasonably requiring such appointment. In the absence of special appointment and designation, the Health Director shall be the acting or permanent director of the Columbia/Boone County Health Department.

9.3.2 **Regulatory Authority** – The Health Director of the Columbia/Boone County Health Department.

9.4 **Modifications to Food Code** – For purposes of the Boone County Food Code, the following modifications shall be made to the “City of Columbia, Missouri, Food Code” adopted by the city council of the City of Columbia on January 16, 2001:

9.4.1 **Additions to Code** - Chapter 1-201.10(B)(31)(c) is modified to add the following exclusion from the definition of “Food Establishment:”

(viii) An operation that is conducted in a mobile, stationary, temporary, or permanent facility or location; where consumption is on or off the premises; and regardless of whether there is a charge for the food; that operates for 10 days or less as part of an organized event or festival.

9.4.2 **Deletions to Code** - Chapter 8-304.30 dealing with food service worker certificates and related training, and certificates is deleted in its entirety. All other references in the Boone County Food Code to Chapter 8-304.30 or parts thereof are further deleted.

9.4.3 **Deletion and Substitution to Code** – Chapter 8-302.14 is deleted and the following is substituted:

8-302.14        **Contents of the Application.**

The application shall include:

(A) The name, birth date, mailing address, telephone number, and signature of the person applying for the permit and the name, mailing address, and location of the food establishment;

(B) Information specifying whether the food establishment is owned by an association, corporation, individual, partnership, or other legal entity;

(C) A statement specifying whether the food establishment:

(1) Is mobile or stationary and temporary or permanent, and

(2) Is an operation that includes one or more of the following:

(a) A Category 1 establishment defined as:

A business that prepares only food that is not potentially hazardous, and does not prepare, but offers for sale only prepackaged food that is potentially hazardous

(b) A category 2 establishment defined as:

A business that prepares, offers for sale, or serves potentially hazardous food only to order upon a consumer's request.

(c) A category 3 establishment defined as:

A business that prepares potentially hazardous food in advance using a food preparation method that involves two or more steps which may include combining potentially hazardous ingredients; cooking; cooling; reheating; hot or cold holding; freezing; or thawing; Prepares food for delivery to and consumption at a location off the premises of the food establishment where it is prepared,

(d) Prepares food under (C)(2)(b) of this section for service to a highly susceptible population.

(D) The name, title, address, and telephone number of the person directly responsible for the food establishment;

(E) The name, title, address, and telephone number of the person who functions as the immediate supervisor of the person specified under 8-302.14(D) of this section such as the zone, district, or regional supervisor;

(F) The names, titles, and addresses of:

(1) The persons comprising the legal ownership as specified under (A) & (B) of this section including the owners and officers, and

(2) The local resident agent if one is required based on the type of legal ownership;

(G) A statement signed by the applicant that:

(1) Attests to the accuracy of the information provided in the application, and

(2) Affirms that the applicant will:

(a) Comply with this Code, and

(b) Allow the regulatory authority access to the establishment as specified under § 8-402.11 and to the records specified under §§ 3-203.12 and 5-205.13 and Subparagraph 8-201.14(D)(6); and

(H) Other information required by the regulatory authority.

9.5 **Compliance Required** - It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any provision of these regulations or any directive issued by the Health Director or Health Department made for the purpose of implementing any section or provision of these regulations.

9.6 **Enforcement** - The Health Director is hereby authorized to seek the assistance of the circuit court in enforcement of these regulations, as necessary to protect the public health, including obtaining issuance of restraining orders and other orders of injunction, and other equitable remedy as may be necessary and appropriate under the circumstances.

9.7 **Interpretation and Severability:** The regulations enacted under this chapter are intended to be supplementary to other provisions or remedies authorized or prescribed by law or rule or regulation enacted thereunder. The invalidity of any particular regulation enacted herein shall not affect the validity of any other provision and all regulations hereunder shall be construed as

consistently and harmoniously as possible with each other and other applicable provisions of law. In the event of conflict between any regulation contained herein and any other rule, regulations or law, the provision more protective of the public health shall apply; provided, however, that in the event of irreconcilable conflict between any provision of these regulations and rules or regulations enacted by the Department of Health under Chapter 192 RSMo, or the Department of Social Services under Chapter 198 RSMo, the rules or regulations enacted by those departments under those chapters shall prevail. These regulations also shall be liberally construed to the fullest extent permitted by law to effectuate the broad remedial purposes for which they are intended.

9.8 **Jurisdiction** - The regulations contained in this chapter shall be applicable to all incorporated areas in Boone County, Missouri, not otherwise adopting local ordinances or regulations which address the subject matter of the Boone County Food Code and unincorporated areas within Boone County, Missouri.

9.9 **Penalties and Remedies** - Any person who violates any requirement or provision of this Code shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished as provided section 192.300, RSMo, or as otherwise provided by law. Every person who commits, attempts to commit, conspires to commit, or aids or abets in the commission of any act declared herein to be unlawful, whether individually or in connection with one or more other persons or as principal, agent or accessory, shall be guilty of such unlawful act, and every person who falsely, fraudulently, forcibly or willfully induces, causes, coerces, requires, permits or directs another to violate any provision hereof shall likewise be guilty. Every day any violation of any regulation of this Code shall continue shall constitute a separate offense unless otherwise specifically provided herein. The penal remedy provided herein

shall not be exclusive and the Health Director or any health official may seek and obtain in their own name or in the name of the County any other judicial relief provided for in equity or at law, including but not limited to imposition of civil fines for violations of this Code as provided for in section 49.272, RSMo, and such other declaratory and injunctive relief as may be appropriate under the circumstances. Provided, however, the failure of the Health Director or Department to enforce any provision of these regulations, or to perform any duty prescribed for them hereunder, shall not itself constitute a violation of these regulations, nor is any regulation in this chapter intended to create any legal responsibility or give rise to any legal liability on the part of the Health Director or Department to the benefit of any person who is or claims to be affected by any such failure or nonperformance. Except as otherwise provided by law, any judicial review of the actions taken by the Health Director or Department under authority of this chapter shall be as provided in chapter 536 RSMo.

- 9.10 **Fees** – The County Commission has the authority to establish reasonable fees to pay for the costs incurred in carrying out the terms of the Boone County Food Code. The County Commission may provide for inspection fees, administrative fees and/or other fees so long as such fees comply with the provisions of 192.300 RSMo and are otherwise authorized by law.