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Dear Mr. Sands:

I have been asked to respond to your inquiry by our Interim Director, Will Humble.

The State of Arizona uses the United States Food and Drug Administration publication, Food Code: 1999 Recommendations of the United States Public Health Service, Food and Drug Administration (1999), with some local modifications, as the minimum regulatory food safety standards for Arizona. Regulatory functions are delegated from the State to the 15 local counties in Arizona for permitting, compliance, and enforcement. At the local county level, individual requirements relating to the Food Code may be more stringent than the State's minimum requirement should the local county chose to have more stringent standards.

The State does not regulate whether or not patrons wear shoes or other footwear when frequenting restaurants, retail establishments, grocery stores, etc. You can access the Arizona Food Code at: <http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/oeh/rs/pdf/fc2000.pdf>. The Arizona Administrative Code, which iterates the adoption with some modifications, is located at: http://www.azsos.gov/public_services/Title_09/9-08.htm#Article_1.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at 602.364.1889.

Sincerely,



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