



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

March 30, 2017

Dear Mr. Rupprecht,

Dr. Currier has requested that I respond to your letter dated March 20, 2017. The Mississippi State Department of Health adopts the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Food Code with certain exceptions. Regarding your question about required footwear, there is no regulation nor does the food code address any requirement that patrons wear shoes while inside a restaurant or any other business. You are correct in that a private business may establish their own dress code for patrons to follow.

Should you have any questions or if I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me at 601.576.7690.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Melissa Parker", enclosed within a large, loopy blue scribble.

Melissa Parker, Deputy Director  
Office of Environmental Health  
MS State Department of Health