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Dear Mr. Friedly:

Thank you for your letter regarding barefoot health regulations in Missouri. In your letter you wanted to know if there were any requirements by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior services for individuals to wear shoes in public places.

I am not aware of any state regulatory or statutory prohibition against being barefoot in public places at the state-level. Also after consulting with the Springfield-Greene County Health Department, I am not aware of any local ordinances or regulations in your area which prohibit being barefoot. However, according to the Missouri Food Code, if you were a food employee, Section 2-304.11 would require you to "wear clean outer clothing to prevent contamination of food, equipment, utensils, linens, and single-service and single-use articles."

Thank you,

Kerri Tesreau, Acting Division Director  
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