Dear Mr. Sands,

This is in response to your letter dated March 6, 2017, requesting information about the requirements for customers or patrons of a business to wear shoes in restaurants, grocery stores, convenience stores, or other businesses.

The North Carolina General Statutes require establishments that prepare or serve drink or food for pay to be regulated. There is currently not a law or a rule that the Environmental Health Section regulates that require customers or patrons to wear shoes.

Please contact me if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Cindy R. Callahan, REHS
Head, Food Protection and Facilities Branch

Cc: Larry Michael, Section Chief