Briefing Notification to County Manager

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Environmental Services Department

Case #/Title: ES-2014-001/2013 FDA Food Code Adoption

Supervisor Districts: All Districts

Overview: Chapter VIII, 2013 FDA Food Code Adoption

- Revise MCEHC Chapter VIII to adopt by reference the 2013 FDA Food Code to replace the currently adopted 2009 FDA Food Code.
- Per the U.S. FDA, the 2013 FDA Food Code "edition reflects the input of regulatory officials, industry, academia, and consumers that participated in the 2012 meeting of the Conference for Food Protection (CFP). Collaboration with the CFP and our partners at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services helps ensure the Food Code establishes sound requirements that prevent foodborne illness and injury and eliminates the most important food safety hazards in retail and foodservice facilities."
- The MCEHC 2013 FDA Food Code adoption applies advanced food protection for the safety of Maricopa County residents.
- On June 9, 2014, this regulatory change was suggested by the Ad Hoc Task Force Committee (Committee) and the Board of Supervisors voted to accept the Committee's proposal to adopt the 2013 FDA Food Code. The Committee believes the 2013 FDA Food Code offers changes that will better serve the industry. This proposal is following the EROP policy and workflow process and no fee changes are requested.

Next Steps: Public Stakeholder Workshop – Tentative, September 16, 2014

Board of Health Public Meeting – October 27, 2014