

# Enhanced Regulatory Outreach Program NOTICE OF STAKEHOLDER MEETING

## Date/Time:

Tuesday, March 5, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

## Location:

Maricopa County Environmental Services Department  
Northern Regional Office Training Room  
15023 N. 75<sup>th</sup> St., Scottsdale, AZ 85260

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The Maricopa County Environmental Services Department will host an initial Stakeholder Meeting to introduce, discuss, and obtain preliminary input regarding a proposed new code revision to the Maricopa County Environmental Health Code. The subject matter to be discussed at the March 5<sup>th</sup> Stakeholder Meeting includes:

**Case #/Title:** ES-2013-002: Revisions to Maricopa County Environmental Health Code – Misspellings/Spacing throughout the Code and Reorganizing, Updating, and Definitions/Application in Chapters 1, 8 and 10

### Overview:

#### Maricopa County Environmental Health Code – All Content

- Currently, there are misspellings and spacing errors found throughout the Environmental Health Code. For professionalism and clarity, we will correct all misspellings and spacing errors. These revisions also will include changing the specified Food Processor permit type language to Food Production.

#### Chapter 1, General Provisions

- Reorganize the Chapter 1, fee table, Water and Waste Management Division section, by annual permit categories, followed by plan review to reduce redundant fee lines. Fees used by multiple programs will be shown one time. Expedited fees will be allowed for all fee types, including commercial searches. The reorganization will ease customer ability to identify applicable fees in the code.
- A revision to Chapter 1, is necessary to remove the liquor license. The Department no longer has liquor licenses. Therefore, to prevent customer confusion, we will remove all references to liquor licenses.
- Notice Definition – Revise Chapter 1, to provide consistency and clarity and eliminate confusion regarding the definition and use of “Notice.” Notice currently is used both as a defined and a general term.

## Chapter 8, Food, Food Products, Food Handling Establishments

- Permit Classification Definitions – A revision to Chapter 8, Section 1, Regulation 1 (25) is necessary to clarify permit classification definitions. Presently, the permit classification definitions include subjective indicators, which can be replaced with objective factors, e.g., when setting food item criteria, specify “TCS/PHF.” Providing objective criteria where possible, will help to more accurately and consistently determine permit fees. Some permit classification changes may be affected following criteria determination.
- Promotional Food Definition – Revisions to Chapter 8, Section 3, Regulations 1 and 12 regarding the promotional food definition. Correct contradictory language and remove ambiguous regulatory language throughout Chapter 8 regarding the promotional food definition to provide clarity and consistency.
- Pushcart Definition – Revisions to definitions in Chapter 8, Section 1 and Section 3, Regulation 1. Revisions would expand the definition of a pushcart to reduce the number of menu variances. Some menu items currently are being approved under a variance because of the permit definition. Since these menu items are almost always approved, incorporating them into the definition can reduce the number of variances.
- Seasonal Application of Annual Special Events Permit – Revisions to Chapter 8, Section 1, Regulation 1 (46)(f) and Section 3, Regulation 1.a.(6). Revisions would expand the use of the Special Event Food Establishment Permit for Seasonal Food Duration Events and Farmer’s Markets where an onsite commissary arrangement is in place. This revision expands use of the new Special Event Annual Permit at additional events.

## Chapter 10, Residence Accommodations

- Public Accommodations Definition – A revision to Chapter 10, is necessary to address the definition of public accommodations. Clarification is needed to delineate a public accommodation from an apartment or similar type of facility, including length of stay and contract information. Currently, there are facilities permitted as public accommodations which are operating as apartments or long-term stay facilities.

**Additional information about this proposed revision and the current Maricopa County Environmental Health Code are available at: <http://www.maricopa.gov/regulations/>. Also, you may submit comments at: <http://www.maricopa.gov/regulations/comments.aspx>.**

**Thank you for your participation.**

