

1 SNOHOMISH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
2 Snohomish County, Washington

3
4 ORDINANCE NO. BOH25-02

5
6 REORGANIZING AND ADDING NEW SECTIONS TO CHAPTER 3.05 OF THE
7 BOARD OF HEALTH CODE

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9 WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Board of Health has supervision over all
10 matters pertaining to the preservation of the life and health of the people of Snohomish
11 County under the authority granted in Chapter 70.05 RCW; and

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13 WHEREAS, under RCW 70.05.060(3) the Snohomish County Board of Health
14 has authority to enact such local rules and regulations as necessary in order to
15 preserve, promote, and improve the public health and provide for the enforcement
16 thereof; and

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18 WHEREAS, unplumbed espresso stands, a type of food establishment, are not
19 defined in state rules and regulations and no longer comply with the plumbing
20 requirements set forth in the current version of the Washington State Retail Food Code
21 found in Chapter 246-215 WAC; and

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23 WHEREAS, in order to define an unplumbed espresso stand, a new definition
24 section will be added to Chapter 3.05 of the Snohomish County Board of Health Code;
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27 WHEREAS, introducing a new section to Chapter 3.05 of the Snohomish County
28 Board of Health Code requires reorganization to accommodate this change and allow
29 for future code expansions; and

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31 WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Board of Health recognizes that previously
32 permitted unplumbed espresso stands are in operation in Snohomish County and
33 believes that such should be addressed in the Snohomish County Board of Health Code
34 as they are no longer recognized in Chapter 246-215 WAC; and

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36 WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Board of Health has determined that
37 reorganizing and updating the existing food safety regulations under Title 3 of the
38 Snohomish County Board of Health Code is necessary to effectively communicate the
39 local rules and regulations to the people of Snohomish County;

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41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

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43 Section 1. Snohomish County Board of Health Code Chapter 3.05, adopted by
44 Ordinance No. BOH24-02 on June 11, 2024, is amended to read:

1 **Chapter 3.05**
2 **((FOOD SERVICES)) GENERAL PROVISIONS**

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4 Section 2. Snohomish County Board of Health Code Section 3.05.010, adopted
5 by Ordinance No. BOH24-02 on June 11, 2024, is amended to read:

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7 **3.05.010 ((Chapter 3.05.010 WAC.)) Authority and purpose**

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9 ~~((This section adopts chapter 246-215 WAC, Food Service, by reference, as now or~~
10 ~~hereafter amended.)) A. Authority. The board of health adopts these regulations
11 under RCW 70.05.060 and chapter 246-215 WAC.~~

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13 B. Purpose. The purpose of these regulations is to safeguard public health and
14 ensure food provided to consumers is safe, unadulterated, and honestly presented.

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16 Section 3. A new section is added to Chapter 3.05 of the Snohomish County
17 Board of Health Code to read:

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19 **3.05.020 Applicability**

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21 These regulations shall apply to all food establishments as defined under this title and in
22 chapter 246-215 WAC. If a provision of this title conflicts with any other local or state
23 regulations, the more stringent shall apply.

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25 Section 4. A new section is added to Chapter 3.05 of the Snohomish County
26 Board of Health Code to read:

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28 **3.05.030 Adoption of state rules and regulations**

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30 Chapter 246-215 WAC, Food Service, is adopted by reference, as now exists or
31 hereafter amended.

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33 Section 5. A new section is added to Chapter 3.05 of the Snohomish County
34 Board of Health Code to read:

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36 **3.05.040 Snohomish County retail food code**

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38 Section 6. A new section is added to Chapter 3.05 of the Snohomish County
39 Board of Health Code to read:

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41 The provisions of chapter 246-215 WAC together with any provision found in this title
42 shall be the Snohomish County Retail Food Code.

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44 **3.05.050 Definitions**

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46 In addition to the definitions found in chapter 246-215 WAC, the following shall apply:

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“Unplumbed espresso stand” means a type of food establishment that:

- A. operates in a building or structure that is movable and lacks permanent plumbing;
- B. offers a limited menu consistent with a low risk food service permit;
- C. has a current annual food service establishment permit; and
- D. is not a “mobile food unit” as defined under WAC 246-215-01115.

Section 7. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Snohomish County, Washington

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

- APPROVED
- EMERGENCY
- VETOED

DATE: _____

Approved as to form only:

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney