



**OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY**  
**Food Service**  
**Chapter 246-215 WAC**  
**July 2018**

ACTIVITY	ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATE	DATE COMPLETED
Form Food Safety Advisory Council (FSAC)	October 2017	October 2017
Attend national Conference for Food Protection (CFP)	April 2018	April 2018
Brief the SBOH	June 14, 2018	June 14, 2018
Summarize CFP results and develop table of both FDA Food Codes changes since 2013 and other identified possible revisions	June 2018	June 2018
File CR101	August 2018	July 2, 2018
Collect FSAC/Stakeholder recommendations on potential rulemaking topics	July 12 – August 17 2018	Opened 7/12/18
Staff analyze 2017 Food Code for possible changes to chapter 246-215 WAC	August 2018	
FSAC committee work, Evaluate FSAC/Stakeholder proposed changes and 2017 FDA Food Code	9/26/18 10/24/18, 11/29/18, 1/23/19, 2/27/19	
Finalize rule evaluation and propose draft rules	March 27, 2019	
SBOH EH committee review	April 2019	
Public Meetings	May – July 2019	
SBOH briefing	August 2019	
Finalize proposed rules and required analyses for filing	September 2019	
File CR 102	November 2019	
Last day to submit written comments	December 2019	
Public Hearing	January 2020	
Respond to stakeholder comments	January 2020	
File CR 103	March 2020	
Train Stakeholders on new rule	April 2020	
Rule Effective	May 2020	

**Purpose**

The purpose of this rule revision is to update chapter 246-215 WAC, Food service, by incorporating portions of the 2017 FDA Food Code. These updates will provide clear food safety standards that align with national standards.

In addition, this rule revision will incorporate recent legislative activities affecting retail food establishments, such as mobile food unit commissary usage. These changes are designed to increase consistent application across the state.

**Recent Issues and Activities**

In October 2017, Washington State Department of Health formed the Washington State Retail Food Safety Advisory Council (FSAC). Composed of retail food stakeholders, the FSAC reviews and considers food safety practices in the state to help ensure a consistent and effective application of WAC 246-215 within the state.

**Next Steps**

A public issue submission process is opened for July 12 – August 17, 2018. Interested parties may submit recommendations for changes to WAC 246-215 during the submission period. Review of the issues will begin in September 2018.

Rule Revision Website:

[www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/Food/FoodWorkerandIndustry/FoodSafetyRules/FoodCodeRuleRevision](http://www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/Food/FoodWorkerandIndustry/FoodSafetyRules/FoodCodeRuleRevision)