

SECTION .3300 – ADULT DAY SERVICE FACILITIES

15A NCAC 18A .3301 DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply throughout this Section:

- (1) "Adequate" means determined by the Department to be of sufficient size, volume, or technical specifications, to effectively accommodate and support the planned, current, or projected workloads for a specified operational area.
- (2) "Adult Day Service Facility" means an establishment which provides an organized program of services including a meal, for adults during the day in a community group setting and for which a license or certificate for payment is required from the Department of Health and Human Services. It includes adult day care services, adult day health services, psychosocial rehabilitation programs and other day programs which do not provide overnight accommodations.
- (3) "Approved" means procedures and domestic or commercial equipment determined by the Department to be in compliance with this Section. Commercial Kitchen equipment shall be approved in accordance with "ANSI/NSF Standard 2 Food Equipment", "NSF Standard 3 Commercial Spray-Type Dishwashing Machines", or "ANSI/NSF Standard 7 Commercial Refrigerators and Storage Freezers" which are incorporated by reference including any subsequent amendments or additions. This material is available for inspection at the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Environmental Health, 2728 Capital Boulevard, Raleigh, NC. Copies may be obtained from NSF International, 3475 Plymouth Road, PO Box 130140, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48113-0140 or on the World Wide Web at www.nsf.org at a cost of sixty dollars (\$60.00) for ANSI/NSF Standard 2 and ninety-five dollars (\$95.00) for NSF Standard 3 or ANSI/NSF Standard 7.
- (4) "Communicable Condition" means the state of being infected with a communicable agent but without symptoms.
- (5) "Communicable Disease" means any disease that can be transmitted from one person to another directly, by contact with excrement, other body fluids, or discharges from the body; or indirectly, via substances or inanimate objects, such as contaminated food, drinking glasses, toys or water; or via vectors, such as flies, mosquitoes, ticks, or other insects.
- (6) "Department" or "DENR" means the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources. The term also means the authorized representative of the Department.
- (7) "Eating and Cooking Utensils" means and includes any kitchenware, tableware, glassware, cutlery, utensils, containers, or other equipment with which food or drink comes in contact during storage, preparation, or serving.
- (8) "Environmental Health Specialist" means a person authorized to represent the Department.
- (9) "Food" means any raw, cooked, or processed edible substance, ice, beverage, or ingredient used or intended for use or for sale in whole or in part for human consumption.
- (10) "Frying" means to cook over direct heat in hot oil or fat.
- (11) "Hermetically Sealed" means a container designed and intended to be secure against the entry of microorganisms and to maintain the commercial sterility of its contents after processing.
- (12) "Hygroscopic Food" means food which readily takes up and retains moisture, such as bean sprouts.
- (13) "Impervious" means that which will not allow entrance or passage, such as an airtight plastic container that will not allow the entrance of moisture or vermin.
- (14) "Multi-Service Articles" means tableware, including flatware and holloware which are designed, fabricated, and intended by the manufacturer to be washed, rinsed, sanitized, and re-used.
- (15) "Multi-Use Articles" means bulk food containers and utensils designed, fabricated, and intended by the manufacturer to be washed, rinsed, sanitized, and re-used. The term includes items such as food storage containers, beverage pitchers, serving spoons and bowls, tongs, and spatulas. The term does not include multi-service articles as defined in this Section.
- (16) "Potable Water" means water from an approved source which is suitable for drinking.
- (17) "Potentially Hazardous Food" means any food or ingredient, natural or synthetic, in a form capable of supporting the growth of infectious or toxigenic microorganisms, including *Clostridium botulinum*. This term includes raw or heat treated food of animal origin, raw seed sprouts, and treated foods of plant origin. The term does not include foods which have a pH level of 4.6 or below or a water activity value of 0.85 or less.

- (18) "Putrescible Materials" means materials likely to rot or putrefy, such as fruit, vegetables, meats, dairy products, or similar items.
- (19) "Sanitary Sewage System" means a complete system of sewage collection, treatment, and disposal and includes septic tank systems, connection to a public or community sewage system, sewage reuse or recycle systems, mechanical or biological treatment systems, or other such systems.
- (20) "Sanitize" means the approved bactericidal treatment by a process which meets the temperature and chemical concentration levels in 15A NCAC 18A .3312.
- (21) "Sewage" means the liquid and solid human body waste and liquid waste generated by water-using fixtures and appliances, including those associated with foodhandling. The term does not include industrial process wastewater or sewage that is combined with industrial process wastewater.
- (22) "Single-Service Articles" means tableware, including flatware and hollowware, carry-out utensils and other items such as bags, containers, stirrers, straws, toothpicks, and wrappers which are designed, fabricated and intended by the manufacturer for one-time use.
- (23) "Single-Use Articles" means bulk food containers and utensils intended by manufacturer to be used once and discarded. The term includes items such as formed buckets, bread wrappers, pickle barrels, and No. 10 cans. The term does not include single-service articles as defined in this Section.

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