

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2017-023

Establishing a City Vending Food Service Policy

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia employs 2,300 people. Reducing the impact of diet-related diseases will support a more productive and healthy workforce that will pay dividends to the city and state economy and cultivate national competitiveness for residents and employees; and,

WHEREAS, improving the nutritional quality of food sold or provided by the City and on public property will support people in making healthy eating choices; and,

WHEREAS, many local and state residents and visitors visit City properties; and,

WHEREAS, approximately 32% of South Carolina residents are obese; and,

WHEREAS, obesity costs South Carolina \$8.5 billion each year in health care costs, contributing to debilitating yet preventable diseases such as heart disease, cancer, stroke, and diabetes; and,

WHEREAS, improving the types of foods and beverages served and sold in workplaces positively affects employees' eating behaviors and can result in weight loss; and,

WHEREAS, maintaining a healthy workforce can positively impact indirect costs by reducing absenteeism and increasing worker productivity; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED this 7th day of February, 2017, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia approve and endorse the implementation of the attached City of Columbia Nutrition Standards Policy.

Requested by:

Senior Assistant City Manager Baker



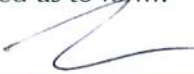
Mayor

Approved by:



City Manager


Approved as to form:



City Attorney

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ATTEST:


City Clerk

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City of Columbia Vending Nutrition Standards Policy

Definitions

(1) "Nutrition and Procurement Standards" means evidence-based guidelines for food and beverage procurement that meet the nationally-recognized standards of the American Heart Association (AHA) Healthy Workplace Food and Beverage Toolkit Guidance on Vending Machines and Meetings and Events for vending machines and meet the standards of the General Services Administration (GSA) Food Service Guidelines for Federal Facilities for meetings, events, on-site vendors, and cafeterias.

(2) "Covered Food and Beverages" means all food and beverages purchased, sold, served or otherwise provided by City of Columbia.

City of Columbia Nutrition and Procurement Standards; Nutritional Labeling

(1) All food and beverages purchased by, or sold, served or otherwise provided by, City of Columbia, including (but not limited to) through meetings and events, vending machines, on-site vendors and cafeterias located on property controlled by the City shall meet minimum nutrition and procurement standards as set forth below.

(2) Within one (1) year of the effective date of this Act, the City Manager shall promulgate final policies establishing evidence-based nutrition and food procurement standards that are consistent with the AHA Healthy Workplace Food and Beverage Toolkit Guidance on Vending Machines and establishing evidence-based nutrition and food procurement standards that are consistent with GSA Food Service Guidelines for Federal Facilities for meetings, events, on-site vendors, and cafeterias. The standards shall be fully implemented by the City within one (1) year for vending machines and three (3) years for meetings, events, on-site vendors, and cafeterias, of the date that the final standards are issued.

a. The standards shall consider both positive and negative contributions of nutrients, ingredients, and foods to diets, including calories, portion size, saturated fat, trans fat, sodium, sugar, and the presence of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and nutrients of concern in Americans' diets.

b. These standards shall apply 24-hours a day.

c. Exemptions may be allowed for circumstances where the individuals consuming the food or beverage have specific dietary needs.

d. From time to time but at least once every five (5) years, the City Manager shall review, and if necessary, revise and update the nutrition and procurement standards to reflect advancements in nutrition science, dietary data, new product availability, and/or updates to the Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

e. The nutrition and procurement standards shall be implemented in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws.

(3) Point of Purchase Nutritional Labeling: All vending machines, on-site vendors and cafeterias located on property owned or leased by the City shall display nutritional labeling that, at a minimum, complies with the standards for nutritional labeling set forth in 21 CFR sections 101 and 109, as may be amended from time to time.

Implementation and Enforcement of City of Columbia Nutrition Standards

(1) To assist and oversee the implementation of the nutrition and procurement standards required herein, the City Manager shall disseminate information and train staff and vendors on the standards to support compliance.

a. The wellness team, created by the City Manager, which may include procurement and employee wellness staff, shall monitor compliance and report to the City Manager at least once every year on the status of implementation. The report shall include:

- i. An assessment of City compliance with the standards;
- ii. Successes, challenges, and barriers experienced in implementation; and
- iii. Recommendations for improvement of the standards and compliance.

b. The wellness team shall meet at least quarterly to discuss strategies for successful implementation which may include employee surveys, staff training, and issue education.

(2) Within one (1) year of the effective date of this Act, the City Manager shall promulgate final standards establishing monitoring and enforcement of these standards.

(3) Future requests for bids and contracts for the procurement or provision of covered food and beverages by or for City agencies shall incorporate the nutrition and procurement standards. To facilitate monitoring and compliance with the requirements of this Act, future requests for bids and contracts for covered food and beverages shall require accurate and timely financial reports from vendors, provide for periodic reviews or audits of financial records by the City, and include specific breach of contract and enforcement provisions relating to the requirements of this Act.

(4) The City Manager shall have final authority to determine whether a specific food or beverage to be purchased, sold, or provided is consistent with the nutrition and procurement standards.