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## A. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide food establishment operators in Kitsap County with a service sink policy. This policy will be most applicable during food establishment changes of ownership, new construction of food establishments, and food establishment remodels.

## B. Policy Statement

It is the policy of the Kitsap Public Health District (Health District) to minimize the public's exposure to illness by ensuring wastewater is handled in a sanitary manner and by ensuring local ordinance and state law requirements are being met.

## C. Definitions

For the purposes of administration and enforcement of this policy and procedure, the following definitions shall apply in addition to those found in Chapter 246-215 Washington Administrative Code (Food Code) and Kitsap Public Health Board Ordinance 2022-02 (Ordinance).

1. **Mop sink:** See "service sink."
2. **Owner:** The Food Service Establishment Permit holder.
3. **Service sink:** A sink or curbed cleaning facility equipped with a floor drain for the cleaning of mops or similar wet floor cleaning tools and used for the disposal of mop water and similar liquid waste. Examples of similar liquid waste include spent sanitizer solution or clean-up from a vomitus or diarrheal incident. Toilets and urinals cannot be used in place of a service sink.
4. **Utility sink:** See "service sink."

## D. Policy

1. New construction food establishments shall install a dedicated service sink.
2. After the change of ownership of a food establishment, the new owner shall strive to install a service sink on the premises of the establishment per Food & Living Environment Policy 2022-02, *Food Establishment Change of Ownership*.

3. In the event that a service sink cannot fit in the existing establishment, the Health District may allow the operator to transport the wastewater to a nearby service sink.
  - a. Wastewater transport is allowable up to 500 feet for food establishments holding a Mobile Unit Food Service Establishment Permit.
  - b. Wastewater transport is allowable up to 200 feet for all other types of Food Service Establishment Permits.
  - c. Wastewater must be transported in a manner that minimizes spillage, such as being containerized.
  - d. A written plan of operation or other pertinent documentation may be required prior to D.3 being allowed.
  - e. The Health District may not allow D.3 as an option in instances when wastewater cannot be transported in a sanitary manner.
4. The Health District may take progressive enforcement actions if wastewater violations pertaining to this policy are observed, including, but not limited to, written violations, office conferences, administrative hearings, and suspension or revocation of the Food Service Establishment Permit.

#### **E. References**

- Kitsap Public Health Board Ordinance 2022-02, *Food Service Regulations*
- Chapter 246-215 Washington Administrative Code, *Washington State Retail Food Code*
- Food & Living Environment Policy 2022-02, *Food Establishment Change of Ownership*

#### **F. Policy Review History**

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