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Peoria County Adopts Updated Food Safety Ordinance

Peoria County – With recommendations from the Peoria County Board of Health and the Peoria County Health Committee, the Peoria County Board adopted revisions to the Peoria County Code, Chapter 10 Food Safety Ordinance, which regulates and establishes standards and licenses for food service operation in Peoria County. The updated ordinance addresses Peoria County goals to better provide financial stability, offer effective service delivery, and assure healthy vibrant communities.

Monica Hendrickson, Administrator Peoria City/County Health Department, states, “The adoption of the revised Peoria County Code reflects the importance of proper food safety and hygiene practices that are critical in preventing illness and protecting the health of our community. We are always moving in the direction of best practices as we work with our food establishments to assure food safety for everyone.”

Key points to the adoption of the revisions include:

- Following the recommendations from industry stakeholders of the Food Safety Workgroup, Peoria County State’s Attorney’s Office, Peoria County Board of Health, and Peoria City/County Health Department,
- Aligning the Code with updated language and best practices as reflected in the State of Illinois Food Service Sanitation Code and the FDA Food Code,
- Updating the fee schedule from the Peoria County Fee Study conducted by Bellwether LLC 2014, and
- Implementing an effective date of January 1, 2019.

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The Peoria City/County Health Department continues efforts to improve community health in Peoria County with the overarching goal

“to increase the number of people who are healthy at every stage of life.”