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Mr. Deutschmann,

We are in receipt of your correspondence regarding dress code questions. Just to clarify our Department only regulates facilities that are associated with food, such as restaurants, food stores, caterers, convenience stores, food manufacturers and warehouses. Our Department would not regulate any businesses that do not handle food commercially.

Retail Food Facilities in PA are regulated by Title 7, Chapter 46, Food Code. These regulations adopt the FDA Model Retail Food Code. Other 'non-retail' facilities, such as manufacturers and warehouse / distributors are regulated under the PA Food Safety Act, which adopts all federal regulations related to Foods.

- Both standards address clothing in the same manner: It specifies that clothing shall be clean, and in good condition to not cause a contamination issue (things like frays or loose buttons could be concerns). Footwear is not specifically addressed as feet do not generally come in contact with food.
- We do not inspect non-food related businesses in our agency.
- Our regulations do not address customer attire, only that of 'food employees.'
- Barefoot patrons are not regulated under the food safety regulations, and this is up to the individual businesses. We license snack bars at pools, and similar venues, where food employees potentially, and most patrons are barefoot.

I hope this answers your questions adequately.

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