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STATE HEALTH OFFICER

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David Kelman

[Redacted contact information]

Dear Mr. Kelman:

This is in response to your follow up question about dress code enforcement.

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH)'s only dress requirement of any kind is for food preparation establishments and the requirement is that food workers clothes are "clean." There are no health department dress code or shoe requirements for patrons of any businesses including food establishments.

To answer the questions in your follow up letter:

Q: We were asking to have a copy of the dress code so we could train our staff.

A: There is no dress code other than the one sentence from the Food Rules that food workers clothes are to be clean.

Q: Is it a health code failure to have someone in the building without proper footwear?

A: No.

Q: If a customer came in without shoes, we would like to know what the penalty is for our business if we are seen serving them or allowing them into our business.

A: There is no penalty, this is not a violation of the ADPH health code.

Sincerely,

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