



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

BRANDON JOHNSON
MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2025-5

Building a Healthier Chicago by Expanding Healthy Food Access & Nutrition

WHEREAS, all Chicagoans should be able to access nutritious, affordable, and culturally appropriate food; and

WHEREAS, a lack of adequate nutrition contributes to preventable diet-related chronic diseases; and

WHEREAS, chronic diseases are the largest contributor to life expectancy disparities documented between the City's Black, Latine, and White residents, and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to helping employees and the public achieve their goals of reducing sugar-sweetened beverages, candy, and other non-nutritious foods; limiting the sodium, added sugars, saturated fat, and trans fat in the food and beverages they consume; and seeking out food providers who offer healthier choices; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago should serve as an example to other municipalities and local and national institutions through using its purchasing power to make healthy eating a priority; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago committed to implementing the Good Food Purchasing Standards program in October 2017 with City Council's passage of Resolution R2017-727 to encourage public institutions to purchase "Good Food" produced through the program's values driven purchasing standards; and

WHEREAS, the values of the Good Food Purchasing Standards program prioritize

nutrition, affordability, local sources, and sustainable production practices, including sound environmental practices, fair prices for products, safe and fair working conditions for workers, and humane conditions for animals; and

WHEREAS, adopting nutrition standards supports this work and furthers the availability of high-quality food options for the people of Chicago; now, therefore

I, BRANDON JOHNSON, Mayor of the City of Chicago, do hereby order as follows:

SECTION 1. Any food which is either 1) sold or served on City property, or 2) purchased or made available with City funding and sold or served by the City or a contractor for the City, must meet the standards of the Food Service Guidelines for Federal Facilities, adopted in 2017 by the Food Service Guidelines Federal Workgroup of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, except as provided in Section 3 of this Order (Exemptions). Foods subject to the aforementioned requirement include, but are not limited to, those sold or served through vending machines, cafeterias, refreshment stands, and snack bars. The guidelines identify two levels of implementation, its Standard Criteria and its Innovative Criteria, the latter promoting exceptional performance standards above and beyond the Standard Criteria. When the guidelines identify an applicable Innovative Criteria standard, the Innovative Criteria standard must be adopted.

SECTION 2. To the extent permitted by law, beginning one year after this order takes effect, all beverages, packaged snacks, and prepared foods procured or provided by the City shall comply with the Food Service Guidelines for Federal Facilities upon the following renewal or renegotiation of contracts for such food items. The standards drawn from the guidelines shall be incorporated into all requests for proposals and other bidding or procurement processes involving the procurement of food or contracting for food service vendors. In the interim period before the renewal, renegotiation, or re-bidding of contracts or agreements, City departments are encouraged to transition to a product mix that reflects the Food Service Guidelines for Federal Facilities, to whatever extent possible under existing contracts or agreements.

SECTION 3. Exemptions to this Executive Order include:

a. Prepared food and beverages served at facilities and through programs funded by

state or federal funding which have nutrition standards already in place, or when applying the Food Service Guidelines for Federal Facilities standards would result in a loss of funding.

b. Food and beverages served by any third party that leases space from the City, such as restaurants, snack bars, or similar businesses operating in leased spaces including, but not limited to, City airports and the Riverwalk.

c. Food and beverages sold or served at special events throughout the City, including farmers markets, block parties, outdoor special events, street festivals, parades, public assemblies, athletic events, events at Millenium Park, and any other event requiring a City-issued permit of any kind.

d. Food and beverages purchased or provided by individual staff members for celebrations.

e. Food and beverages provided during emergency situations and disaster responses or at any time at shelters.


SECTION 4. Roles and Responsibilities.

a. The Commissioner of Public Health (the “Commissioner”), in collaboration with other City departments, shall develop and make publicly available a document detailing nutrition standards and guidelines required by this Executive Order. City departments shall provide to the Commissioner implementation suggestions and information about their current food and beverage purchase, preparation, and service activities. The purpose of these adopted nutrition standards is to ensure that the City offers a broad range of healthy food and beverages that are culturally appropriate. The nutrition standards may vary by City department and by City contract if the Commissioner, at their discretion, determines that such variance is warranted for reasons including, but not limited to, day-to-day operations, food and beverage costs, unexpected circumstances making the standards infeasible, and seasonal restrictions on particular foods or beverages. In addition, the Commissioner may, at their discretion, phase in nutrition standards to provide for gradual modification of prevailing food preferences. The Commissioner may, as appropriate, amend the


nutrition standards in accordance with their review of the latest scientific data and dietary guidance. The Commissioner shall provide adequate notice of any such amendment to all City departments.

b. A culturally appropriate foods toolkit guidance document will be developed by the Food Equity Council (established by Executive Order 2022-1) and be made available to support City departments as they seek to identify pathways to sourcing foods that resonate with the populations they serve. This toolkit document will be revised at least once each five years in collaboration between the Department of Public Health and the Food Equity Council to incorporate emerging best practices and recommendations as appropriate.

SECTION 5. This Executive Order shall take effect upon its execution and filing with the City Clerk.


Mayor

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