

Environmental Health Code, Chapter 10

Environmental Health & Safety Regulations for Primary and Secondary Schools

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Section 1: Title

Environmental Health Code Chapter 10 shall be known, cited, and referred to as Environmental Health and Safety Regulations for Primary and Secondary Schools.

Section 2: Authority and Purpose

- A. Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health enacts the regulations in this chapter under the authority granted in Article 11, §11 of the Washington Constitution, RCW 70.05.060, Chapter 246-366 WAC as now or hereafter amended.
- B. The purpose of these regulations is to protect the environmental health and safety of students attending primary and secondary schools by:
 - Ensuring school buildings meet basic environmental safety requirements;
 - Minimizing illness and injury that may be caused by unsafe conditions or practices; and
 - Promoting health and safety in schools.

Section 3: Administration

- A. The Health Officer shall administer and enforce these regulations under the authority of Chapter 70.05 RCW, RCW 43.20.050(5), Chapter 246-366 WAC and Chapter 246-366 WAC as now set forth or hereafter amended.
- B. Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health may adopt fees for the administration of these regulations under the authority of RCW 70.05.060(7).

Section 4: State Regulation Adoption

Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health adopts Chapter 246-366 WAC as now set forth or hereafter amended by reference in its entirety. When or if state and local regulations conflict, the more stringent shall apply.

Section 5: Enforcement

- A. A notice of violation and order to correct shall be issued, as provided in Environmental Health Code Chapter 1, to any person who violates or does not comply with the requirements of this chapter.
- B. After an inspection report or notice of violation and order to correct is duly issued, if the person to whom such report or notice is directed fails to take the required corrective action within the designated time frame, the Health Officer may pursue any of the Chapter 1 remedies and penalties.

- C. The remedies and penalties in this chapter and Chapter 1 shall be in addition to applicable fees and charges in the current fee schedule adopted by the Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health.
- D. All administrative civil penalties recovered shall be paid into the school program general account.

Section 6: Appeals

- A. Any person aggrieved by a decision or final order of the Health Officer shall have the right to appeal such decision or order per Chapter 1 appeal procedures.

Section 7: Waiver and Variance

Requests for waiver or variance shall meet the requirements of Chapter 246-366 WAC, as now or hereafter amended and follow the process outlined in Chapter 1.

Section 8: Severability

If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this chapter should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this chapter.