

# Vineland Food Safety Council

## Constitution and Bylaws

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### **Article I. Association**

There is hereby created the Vineland Food Safety Council, not for pecuniary purposes. The mission of the Vineland Food Safety Council shall be to promote food safety in the City of Vineland, particularly amongst retail food establishments.

### **Article II. Objectives**

The objectives of the Vineland Food Safety Council are to:

1. Disseminate information regarding food safety to all employees of retail food establishments.
2. Improve the knowledge base of retail food employees in food safety.
3. Improve the knowledge base of future retail food employees (students).
4. Provide the most current data on food safety to retail food establishments in a timely manner.
5. Provide a mechanism where retail food establishments can relay their needs to the governing body (City of Vineland Health Dept.).

### **Article III. Membership**

The membership shall include representatives from the various types of retail food establishments such as: full service restaurants, fast food, convenience stores, pizzerias, schools, nursing homes, supermarkets, and frozen dessert establishments. The membership need also include establishments speaking Spanish and Chinese, a representative for the public, and 2 representatives from the Vineland Health Department. There is no membership fee.

Terms of membership shall be indefinite, unless the member resigns. All members shall abide by the agreed upon rules designated in this document. Any member wishing to terminate their association needs to do so in writing. Any member who violates the terms of this document may be asked to resign by a majority vote.

### **Article IV. Officers**

There will be no officers. A member of the Vineland Health Department will serve as the Secretary/Coordinator.

### **Article V. Meetings**

The Vineland Food Safety Council will meet 3 to 4 times a year, or as needed:

1. At least 14 days' notice shall be given to all members, via e-mail or regular mail. The Coordinator is responsible for notifying all members.

2. An emergency meeting may be called by the Coordinator with less than 10 days via telephone or e-mail.
3. All members are expected to attend at least 50% of all meetings each year.
4. The quorum for any meeting to conduct business shall consist of at least 7 members.
5. Actions taken by the Council shall be done through voting with at least the majority of members agreeing. Voting will be conducted at pre-announced meetings.
6. Notes from the meeting shall be forwarded to all members within 14 days.

## **Article VI. Contests/Projects**

No member is ever expected to contribute services, product or money towards any contest or project. Donation of these items is totally at the discretion of the individual.

Members will not be excluded from participating in any contest unless there is a distinct advantage or a conflict of interest.

## **Article VII. Amendments**

Any member may propose amendments to these bylaws by submitting the proposal at a regularly scheduled meeting. The amendment will be subject to a review and a majority affirmative vote by attending members or may be tabled until the next meeting.

## **Current Membership**

- **Robert Rone- QSC Restaurants**
- **Purvesh Patel- Foodservice Director for Vineland Public Schools**
- **Nick Panzini- Luca's Pizza**
- **Dolores Rodriguez- Downtown Deli**
- **Kevin Connell- WaWa, Inc.**
- **Diane Holtaway- Rutgers Food Innovation Center**
- **Bill Bottino- Delsea Shop Rite**
- **Effie Darick- Health South**
- **Ryan Middleton- Larry's II**
- **Sandra or Stacy Maniaci- Jim Main's Bakery**
- **Donna Gagliardi- Inspira Hospital**
- **Jennifer Fochz- Duke's Place**
- **Josefine Iacavone- Mc Donalds**
- **Jeanne Garbarino- Vineland Health Dept.**
- **Robert Dickinson- Vineland Health Dept.**

**Current Membership- 6/2017**