The following revisions to Article III were approved on March 8, 2017 and will become effective on March 20, 2017:

[Additions are shown in larger font, bolded, and underlined. Deletions are shown with strikethroughs.]  

Section 307. Personal Cleanliness and Employee Practices

Section 307.1 General
Employees engaged in food preparation and warewashing operations and service shall thoroughly wash their hands and the exposed portions of their arms with soap or detergent and warm water before starting work; after tobacco or e-cigarette use; handling garbage or soiled tableware or kitchenware; coughing, sneezing, touching the mouth, nose or hair; eating; using the toilet; before and after handling raw meat, raw poultry or raw seafood, or any other potentially hazardous food; and as often as is necessary during work to keep them clean. The use of clean disposable gloves and hand sanitizers shall not be a substitute for hand washing. Single use disposable gloves shall be changed as often as necessary in accordance with the requirements listed above for hand washing.

Section 307.2 Tobacco and E-Cigarette Use
Employees shall not use tobacco or e-cigarettes in any form while engaged in food preparation or service, while in areas used for food preparation, or equipment and utensil washing areas. Employees shall use tobacco only in designated areas, which will not result in contamination of food, equipment, utensils or other items needing protection.

Section 338. Definitions

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E-cigarette - any electronic oral device, such as one composed of a heating element, battery or electronic circuit, which provides a vapor of nicotine or any other substances and the use or inhalation of which simulates smoking. The term shall include any such device, whether manufactured, distributed, marketed or sold as an e-cigarette, e-cigar or e-pipe or under any other product name or descriptor.