

AN ORDINANCE
of the
CITY OF
MINNEAPOLIS
By Glidden

Amending Title 10, Chapter 203 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to the Food Code: Grocery Stores and Specialty Food Stores.

The City Council of The City of Minneapolis do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That Section 203.10 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

203.10. Definitions. As used in this chapter, the following words and phrases shall mean:

Accessory food items. Non-staple food items, such as coffee, tea, cocoa, carbonated and un-carbonated drinks, candy, condiments, and spices.
Grocery store. A retail establishment that sells such products as staple foods, accessory food items, and household goods.

Grocery store. A retail establishment that sells a wide variety of staple food items

Perishable foods. Those items that are fresh, un-refrigerated or refrigerated staple food items that will spoil or suffer significant deterioration in quality within two (2) to three (3) weeks.

Specialty food store. A retail establishment that sells only specialized types or classes of staple foods and accessory foods, including, but not limited to, such establishments as imported food stores and co-ops, gift shops, department stores, and general retail stores that specialize in products other than consumable products. ~~Such an establishment may not sell tobacco products, unless such products are in keeping with the specialized nature of the store.~~ A specialty food store is not a grocery store that sells a wide variety of common staple food items so as to be eligible for government supplemental nutrition programs.

Staple foods. Those food items intended for home preparation and consumption, including meat, poultry, fish, bread, and breadstuffs, cereals, vegetables, fruits, fruit and vegetable juices, and dairy products.

Section 2. That Section 203.20 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

203.20. Requirements. Grocery stores and specialty foods stores are both subject to the requirements of chapter 188. A grocery store that does not possess a grocery license as of ~~the effective date of this ordinance~~ February 9, 1996 must meet the ~~following~~ requirements of 203.20 (a) and 203.20 (b). All grocery stores licensed under this chapter except those listed in 203.30 must meet the requirements of 203.20(c).

(a) The grocery store shall provide and maintain a minimum sales floor area of two thousand (2,000) square feet, ~~or a free-standing building originally constructed as a grocery convenience store shall have a minimum of two thousand (2,000) square feet, calculated by using external dimensions.~~

(b) The grocery store shall provide and maintain a minimum of four (4) adjoining off-street parking spaces, notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 531.

(c) All grocery stores licensed under this chapter must offer for sale food for home preparation and consumption, on a continuous basis, at least three (3) varieties of qualifying, non-expired or spoiled, food in each of the following four (4) staple food groups, with at least five (5) varieties of perishable food in the first category and at least two (2) varieties of perishable food in all subsequent categories:

(1) Vegetables and/or fruits.

(2) Meat, poultry, fish and/or vegetable proteins.

(3) Bread and/or cereal.

(4) Dairy products and/or substitutes.

Section 3. That Section 203.30 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows;

203.30. Exemptions. The following are exempt from the requirements of sections 203.20(a) and 203.20(b) and 203.20(c):

(a) Specialty food stores.

(b) Filling stations, licensed under chapter 287 of this Code, and having not more than three hundred (300) square feet of retail sales floor area.

(c) Grocery stores located in the central commercial district, as defined in section 360.10.

(d) Grocery stores located in a shopping center as defined in Chapter 520.160 of this code.