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**HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING COMMISSION**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**RULES REGARDING THE CATERING OF VARIOUS EVENTS  
IN THE HOUSE OFFICE BUILDINGS**

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The recent proliferation of the catering of various events in the House Office Buildings has given rise to conduct and activities by the caterers that are unacceptable in these buildings where the business of the House of Representatives must be conducted and which must obviously take precedence.

As a result, the House Office Building Commission has, as of this date, placed the following rules in effect pursuant to the authority conferred on the Commission by 40 USC 175 (34 Stat. 1365), as amended.

1. Absolutely no cooking or other food preparation is permitted in the public corridors of any of the House Office buildings.
2. No dishwashing or other ware cleaning is permitted in the public corridors of any of the House Office Buildings.
3. No propane or other bottled gas tanks of any kind are permitted in any of the House Office Buildings.
4. No consumption of food or beverages is permitted in the public corridors of any of the House Office Buildings.
5. No beverages may be served in the public corridors of any of the House Office Buildings.
6. No outside caterers will be permitted to provide catering services in the House Office Buildings unless the firms are registered with the Architect of the Capitol.
7. Outside caterers who fail to conform to these rules will not be allowed to cater in the House Office Buildings.

Members and Officers who sponsor the various catered events are responsible for compliance with these rules.

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