

**RCW 49.85.050 Food desert exemption.** This chapter does not apply to grocery establishments that will be located in geographic areas designated by the United States department of agriculture as food deserts, based on the original food desert measure contained in the Food Access Research Atlas, provided that both of the following apply:

(1) More than six years have elapsed since the most recent grocery establishment was located in the area designated as a food desert; and

(2) The grocery establishment stocks and, during normal business hours, sells fresh fruit and vegetables in amounts and of a quality that is comparable to what the establishment sells in its three geographically closest stores, which are located outside of the food desert. [2024 c 129 s 9.]