



Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department



Austin/Travis Co HHSD Farmers' Market Hot Food Preparation

Sustainable Food Board

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TEXAS CITY-BY-CITY FARMERS MARKET COMPARISON

City	Permit Types	How Much?	Allow Open food prep?	Who Obtains	Good for how long	Additional requirements
Austin	Mobile	U: \$210 R: \$90	Unrestricted only	Vendor	Mobile: One year	10-3-05: need park rental agreement or PARD director approval to enter park
Sunset Valley	Mobile, Temporary Permit	U: \$210 R: \$90 FM: \$90	Unrestricted & Temporary Permits	Vendor	Temp: 14 consecutive Sat Mobile: One Year	
Houston	Certified Farmers Market Permits	10+ vendors: \$250 <9 vendors: \$150	Per Code: Limited food prep of PHF for sampling	Farmers Market	Annual	-Must provide toilet facilities and plumbed hand-washing stations -No animals within 20 feet of where food is held or served.

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Dallas	Farmers Market Temporary Permit used in the "Shed", progress to Food Establishment Permit, Mobile	\$100	Open food prep only allowed in designated stalls located in "shed"	Vendor	Annual	-No animals allowed in market. -City-built "shed" for vendors preparing food (will hold up to 40 - 50 vendors) supplied with water and sewage lines + grease traps [Vendor provides tap]
San Antonio	Mobile Temporary Permits	Up to \$ 272.95 \$30.90	Limited food prep w/ samples only	Vendor	Temporary: every weekend Mobile: Annual	Require: toilets and temporary hand washing stations; animals allowed
El Paso	Classified as "Outdoor Markets"	\$158 Market \$11 / Vendor	No	Vendor	Annual	Pre-packaged product only; no cut fruits or vegetables allowed

Staff Update & Recommendations Hot Food Preparations

- Use of Mobile Food Permit
 - Currently Available
 - Unrestricted Mobile Unit allows hot food prep
 - Pending rules will allow covered three-sided vehicles for hot dogs, coffee & shaved ice food services
- Mobile Unit Contract
 - SFB could contract permitted Mobile Units to prepare hot food at the market or at adjacent property
- Farmers Market Mobile Unit
 - Manager can purchase and supply a permitted unrestricted mobile unit which can be rented by vendors who want to prepare hot foods.
 - City Code Ch. 10-3-95
 - Authorizes a Mobile unit to operate within a City park with authorization from PARD or a park property rental agreement.

New Rules for Texas Farmers Markets

- Texas Department of State Health Services, Food Establishments Group is reviewing rules for Farmers Market operations in Texas for 2011 Legislative Session.
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