

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Health and Human Services RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 29

Subject: Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget of Ordinance No. 20100913-002 to increase appropriations by \$260,253, increasing revenue by the same amount, and adding three full-time equivalent positions; and amending the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Health and Human Services Department Fee Schedule of Ordinance No. 20100913-004 to establish a new mobile food vendor application fee.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount \$260,253 will be generated through the implementation of the new mobile food vending fee.

Fiscal Note: Fiscal note is attached.

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Public Health and Human Services Committee. Related to Item #28.

Since 2006, the number of mobile vendors in the city has increased substantially. These operations can involve extensive preparation and processes that include the cooking and advanced preparation of food prior to service.

After more than a year of conducting stakeholder meetings and interdepartmental meetings relating to concerns brought forward to the Public Health and Human Services Committee in June of 2009, the Health and Human Services Department is recommending that the Austin City Council amend the provisions of Chapter 10-3 of the City Code and adopt the new requirements for mobile food vendors.

Based on the above recommendation, the City's Health and Human Services Department is requesting three full-time equivalent positions (FTEs) to perform duties as two senior sanitarians and a customer service representative senior for the mobile vending program. A new application fee of \$125 per unit and additional permits associated with this program are projected to generate an additional \$260,253 per year. This new revenue will cover the cost of the additional staffing. The new fee will support a mobile vendor application review that will include the documentation of the centralized food preparation facility, proof of Texas sales and use tax permits, and the itinerary for truck routes.

Performance measures in the mobile vendor food program will change as follows as a result of the additional requirements and staffing:

The number of new application reviews for mobile food vendors will increase from 1,620 to 2,198 by Fiscal Year 2011-12.