

Austin FoodWise Quarterly

Food Safety 24/7...

Austin Travis County Health and Human Services Department



FALL 2011

Clarifications & Updates for Food Industry Regulations and Safe Food Practices.

Environmental and Consumer Health Unit Food Protection Texas Food Establishment Rules

City of Austin Food Handler Registration Update

Since October of 2008 the Austin City Code has required all employees of Food Enterprises located within the Austin City Limits to be registered with the City as Food Handlers.

A Food Handler registration is required for any employee that meets the following definition: a City of Austin Food Enterprise employee who works with unpackaged food, food equipment, food utensils, or food contact surfaces. This includes dishwashers and food servers. Food Handlers must retake the training and renew their registration with the City of Austin every two years.

At the time of permit renewal, we request all establishments submit a list of employees to include the following along with their renewal application and payment.

- Name of Employee
- Date of Birth
- Indicate if they are a Food Handler, Food Manager, or N/A (do not meet the definition of a Food Handler)
- City of Austin Verification, Certificate or Registration Number (Certificate or card must have COA or City of Austin printed on it)
- Expiration Date of Certificate/Card
- Job title

If a complete list is not submitted or Food Handlers are not current in their registration with the City the establishment is not in compliance and legal charges may be filed in Municipal Court.

Effective October 1, 2011, an additional option has been created in hopes of reducing the number of establishments filed on. Establishments will be notified and may resubmit a list by the date requested along with a \$100 compliance verification fee. If the resubmitted list is found to be compliant legal charges will not be filed at that time.

For further information on City of Austin Food Handler & Food Manager requirements, including electronic verification of City of Austin Food Handler Registration, and additional documents available for download, please visit our website:

http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/health/commercial_food_handler.htm

You may also contact a Food Handler auditor at (512) 978-0300 or in person at 1520 Rutherford Ln., Bldg 1 (NO Mail is accepted at this address.)

Walk-in: 1520 Rutherford LN Building ONE, Use East Parking Lot & Entrance
Mail Address: ECHU, PO BOX 1088, Austin, TX 78767 Ph: 512-978-0300 FAX: 512-978-0322
We would like to hear from you. [Send Email](#) [Map](#)