

STATE OF TEXAS	§	INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR FOOD
	§	ESTABLISHMENT INSPECTION AND
	§	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BETWEEN
	§	DALLAS COUNTY, ON BEHALF OF DALLAS
COUNTY OF DALLAS	§	COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND
	§	CITY OF _____

SECTION 1: PARTIES

This Interlocal Agreement ("**Agreement**") is made by and between the City of _____, Texas ("**City**"), a Texas municipal corporation, and Dallas County, Texas, a political subdivision of the State of Texas on behalf of the Dallas County Health and Human Services (the "**County**" or "**DCHHS**"), pursuant to the authorities granted by Chapter 791 of the Texas Local Government Code (known as the Interlocal Cooperation Act), Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 437, Food and Drug Health Regulations, and Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 121, Local Public Health Reorganization Act, along with Title 25 Texas Administrative Code, Part 1, Chapter 229, and any other applicable laws, as well as the City ordinance for inspection services of food establishments within City's jurisdiction and other environmental health services to City. The County or the City may hereinafter be referred to individually as a "**Party**", or collectively, as the "**Parties**".

SECTION 2: TERM

The term of this Agreement is for a period commencing on the Effective Date as defined herein and continuing through September 30, 2026 unless otherwise stated in this Agreement ("**Term**").

SECTION 3: INSPECTION SERVICES AND REQUIREMENTS

- A. The City shall be responsible for the administration of the permit for each food service establishment, retail food store, and temporary food service establishment, as defined by Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 437, (hereinafter a "**Food Establishment**").
- B. The County will perform a minimum of two (2) risk-based inspections (one every six months), during the Term, of each Food Establishment for which the City has submitted an inspection request and for which a fee has been collected from the said Food Establishment for the inspection.
- C. Additional follow-up inspections will be performed as deemed necessary by the County.
- D. All fees contemplated within this Agreement must be in compliance with Texas Health and Safety Code Section 437.0126.
- E. Any additional request for follow-up inspections by the City of Food Establishments, including Food Establishments that are closed due to non-compliance with the state and other applicable rules and regulations may be charged additional fees, if permitted by law.
- F. Each Food Establishment inspection will be made by a Registered Professional Sanitarian employed by DCHHS, in compliance with all state laws and regulations.
- G. An examination of the following will be made during each inspection: food and food protection; personnel; food equipment and utensils; water source; sewage; plumbing; toilet and hand-washing facilities; garbage and refuse disposal; insect, rodent, and animal control; floors, walls, and ceiling; light; ventilation; and other operations.

SECTION 4: FEES AND PAYMENTS TO THE COUNTY

- A. The City will collect and submit to the County a fee of Two Hundred and Ten and 00/100 Dollars (\$210.00) per Term for each Food Establishment to be inspected.
- B. The City will collect One Hundred and Five 00/100 Dollars (\$105.00) to be paid to the County for a re-opening or inspection fee of a Food Establishment that has been closed due to non-compliance with Chapter 437 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, or any other state rules and regulations.
- C. The fees are not subject to change without notice and agreement by the City. If additional costs are associated with the services under this Agreement, County will notify City of those additional costs and invoice the City separately for those additional costs.
- D. The City shall pay County the stipulated fees within thirty (30) days of the monthly request for payment, or if County fails to make the payment request, then City shall pay the stipulated fees no later than the last date of this Agreement Term upon receipt of not less than thirty (30) days advance written notice from the County of amounts due. Any payment not made within thirty (30) days of its due date shall bear interest in accordance with Chapter 2251 of the Texas Government Code.

SECTION 5: OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

- A. Upon written request from City, the County will respond to Vector and/or Mosquito Control complaints by inspecting the property and surrounding area for standing water and provide the treatment of water that contains immature mosquitoes with larvicide. If there is a mosquito borne disease in the area, the County will provide ground application services that include spraying for adult mosquitoes ("adulticiding"), and treating standing water with larvicide ("larvaciding").
- B. In the event aerial spraying is needed to control St. Louis Encephalitis or West Nile virus throughout the County, the City will have the option to participate in the County's emergency aerial mosquito spraying plan. Should the City agree to participate in the plan, the City must provide written notice to County and agree to the following:

- 1) Indicate the areas and amount of acres to be sprayed; and
- 2) Pay the City's proportioned share of the cost based upon the number of acres to be sprayed multiplied by the per-acre spraying cost.

SECTION 6: RECORDS

The County will keep a copy of all Food Establishment (and environmental health service, if applicable) inspection reports and will on a monthly basis send such inspection reports to the City. If either Party receives a third-party request for inspection records, the receiving Party will respond in accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 552, also known as the "Texas Public Information Act," including providing the other Party with notice and an opportunity to respond to the request by notifying the Texas Attorney General.

SECTION 7: TERMINATION

- A. Without Cause: This Agreement may be terminated in writing, without cause, by either Party upon thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the other Party.
- B. With Cause: The County reserves the right to terminate the Agreement immediately and upon provision of written notice to City, in whole or in part, at its sole discretion, for the following reasons:

- 1) Lack of, or reduction in, funding or resources;
- 2) The City's non-performance of the specifications of this Agreement or non-compliance with the terms of this Agreement;
- 3) In County's sole discretion, if termination is necessary to protect the health and safety of County employees;
- 4) The City's improper, misuse or inept use of funds or resources; and/or
- 5) The City's submission of data, statements and/or reports that are incorrect, incomplete and/or false in any way.

SECTION 8: CITY ORDINANCE

In order for this Agreement to be valid, the City must have or adopt a City/Town ordinance that provides for the inspection of Food Establishments by a Registered Professional Sanitarian. The City may require the payment of a fee(s) by each Food Establishment, and all fees must be compliance with Senate Bill 1008, Acts of the 89th Texas Legislature, 2025. Ordinance enforcement shall remain the responsibility of the City.

SECTION 9: INDEMNIFICATION

A. The County, not waiving any rights or its sovereign immunity, agrees to the extent allowed by the Texas Torts Claim Act to be responsible for any liability or damages the County may suffer as a result of claims, demands, costs or judgments, including all reasonable attorney's fees, against the County including workers compensation claims, arising out of the performance of the County employees under this Agreement, or arising from any accident, injury or damage, whatsoever, to any person or persons, or to the property of any person(s) or corporations(s) occurring during the performance of this Agreement and caused by the sole negligence of the County, its agents, officers, and/or employees.

B. The City, not waiving any rights or its sovereign immunity, agrees to the extent allowed by the Texas Torts Claim Act to be responsible for any liability or damages that the City may suffer as a result of claims, demands, costs or judgments, including all reasonable attorney's fees, against the City including workers compensation claims, arising out of the performance of the City employees under this Agreement, or arising from any accident, injury or damage, whatsoever, to any person or persons, or to the property of any person(s) or corporations(s) occurring during the performance of this Agreement and caused by the sole negligence of the City, its agents, officers, and/or employees.

C. County and City agree that any such liability or damages as stated above occurring during the performance of this Agreement caused by the joint or comparative negligence of their employees, students, agents, or officers shall be determined in accordance with comparative responsibility laws of the State of Texas.

D. This Section 9 shall survive termination, expiration, or suspension of this Agreement.

E. THIS AGREEMENT IS EXPRESSLY MADE SUBJECT TO COUNTY'S SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY AND THE CITY'S GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY, TITLE 5 OF THE TEXAS CIVIL PRACTICES AND REMEDIES CODE, AND ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS. THE PARTIES EXPRESSLY AGREE THAT NO PROVISION OF THIS CONTRACT IS IN ANY WAY INTENDED TO CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF ANY IMMUNITIES FROM SUIT OR FROM LIABILITY THAT THE COUNTY OR CITY HAS BY OPERATION OF LAW. NOTHING IN THIS

AGREEMENT IS INTENDED TO BENEFIT ANY THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARY.

SECTION 10: INSURANCE

The City agrees that it will at all times during the term of this Agreement maintain in full force and effect insurance, or self-insurance, to the extent permitted by applicable law under a plan of self-insurance, that is also maintained in accordance with sound accounting practices. It is expressly agreed that City will be solely responsible for all cost of such insurance; any and all deductible amounts in any policy; and in the event that the insurance company should deny coverage. It is the intent of this provision that the City's insurance covers all cost and expense so that County will not sustain any expense, cost, liability or financial risk as a result of any of the performance of services under this Agreement; as all such liability, cost, expense, premiums and deductibles are the sole responsibility and risk of the City.

SECTION 11: NOTICE

Any notice or certification required or permitted to be delivered under this Agreement shall be deemed to have been given when personally delivered, or if mailed, seventy-two (72) hours after deposit of the same in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, certified, or registered, return receipt requested, properly addressed to the contact person shown at the respective addresses set forth below, or at such other addresses as shall be specified by written notice delivered in accordance herewith:

COUNTY

Clay Lewis Jenkins, County Judge
Dallas County
500 Elm Street, Suite 7000
Dallas, Texas 75202

CITY

[Insert Contact info.]

With copy to:

Philip Huang, Director DCHHS
2377 N Stemmons Fwy #800
Dallas, TX 75207

And to:

Dallas County District Attorney – Civil Division
500 Elm Street, Suite 6300
Dallas, Texas 75202

SECTION 12: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

12.1 ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND AMENDMENT

This Agreement, including any Exhibits and Attachments, constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties and supersedes any other agreements concerning the subject matter of this transaction, whether oral or written. No modification, amendment, novation, renewal or other alteration of this Agreement shall be effective unless mutually agreed upon in writing and executed by the Parties. Any alterations, additions, or deletions to the terms of this Agreement which are required by changes in federal or state law or regulations are automatically incorporated into this Agreement without written amendment hereto and shall become effective on the date designated by such law or regulation.

12.2 COUNTERPARTS, NUMBER/GENDER, AND HEADINGS

This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument. The Parties shall be entitled to sign and transmit an electronic signature of this Agreement (whether by facsimile, PDF or other email transmission), which signature shall be binding on the Party whose name is contained therein. A signed copy of this Agreement transmitted by facsimile, email or other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original executed copy of this Agreement for all purposes. Words of any gender used in this Agreement shall be held and construed to include any other gender. Any words in the singular shall include the plural and vice versa, unless the context clearly requires otherwise. Headings are for the convenience of reference only and shall not be considered in any interpretation of this Agreement

12.3 SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Agreement is construed to be illegal, invalid, void or unenforceable, this construction will not affect the legality or validity of any of the remaining provisions. The unenforceable or illegal provision will be deemed stricken and deleted, but the remaining provisions shall not be affected or impaired, and such remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

12.4 FISCAL FUNDING CLAUSE

Notwithstanding any provisions contained in this Agreement, the obligations of the County under this Agreement are expressly contingent upon the availability of funding for each item and obligation for the term of the Agreement and any pertinent extensions. The City shall not have a right of action against County in the event County is unable to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement as a result of lack of sufficient funding for any item or obligation from any source utilized to fund this Agreement or failure to budget or authorize funding for this Agreement during the current or future fiscal years. In the event that County is unable to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement as a result of lack of sufficient funding, or if funds become unavailable, County, at its sole discretion, may provide funds from a separate source or may terminate this Agreement by written notice to the City at the earliest possible time prior to the end of its fiscal year.

12.5 DEFAULT/CUMULATIVE RIGHTS/MITIGATION

It is not a waiver of default if the non-defaulting Party fails to declare a default or delays in taking any action. Waiver of any term, covenant, condition or violation of this Agreement shall not be deemed or construed a waiver unless made in authorized written instrument, nor shall such waiver be deemed or construed a waiver of any other violation or breach of any of the terms, provisions, and covenants herein contained. The rights and remedies provided by this Agreement are cumulative, and either Party's use of any right or remedy will not preclude or waive its right to use any other remedy. These rights and remedies are in addition to any other rights the Parties may have by law, statute, ordinance or otherwise. Pursuit of any remedy provided in this Agreement shall not preclude pursuit of any other remedies herein provided or any other remedies provided by law or equity, including injunctive relief, nor shall pursuit of any remedy herein provided constitute a forfeiture or waiver of any obligation of the defaulting Party hereunder or of any damages accruing by reason of the violation of any of the terms, provisions, and covenants herein contained. The City has a duty to mitigate damages.

12.6 GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY

This Agreement is expressly made subject to City's and County's Governmental Immunity, including, without limitation, Title 5 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code and all applicable State and federal laws. The Parties expressly agree that no provision of this Agreement is in any way intended to constitute a waiver of any immunities from suit or from liability, or a waiver of any tort limitation, that City or County has by operation of law, or otherwise. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to benefit any third-party beneficiary.

12.7 COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND VENUE

In providing services required by this Agreement, City must observe and comply with all licenses, legal certifications, or inspections required for the services, facilities, equipment, or materials, and all applicable federal, State, and local statutes, ordinances, rules, and regulations. Texas law shall govern this Agreement and venue shall lie exclusively in Dallas County, Texas.

12.8 RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES

Each Party is an independent contractor and not an agent, servant, joint enterpriser, joint venturer or employee of the other Party.

12.9 CONTRA PROFERENTUM

The doctrine of contra proferentum shall not apply to this Agreement. If an ambiguity exists in this Agreement, the Agreement shall not be construed against the Party who drafted the Agreement and such Party shall not be responsible for the language used.

12.10 ASSIGNMENT

Neither Party may transfer or assign its interest in this Agreement without prior written consent of the non-assigning Party. County approval to transfer or assign City's interest in this Agreement is subject to formal approval by the Dallas County Commissioners Court. City approval to transfer or assign County's duties to perform this Agreement is subject to formal approval by the [REDACTED] City Council.

12.11 CONTINUING OBLIGATIONS

All obligations of this Agreement which expressly or by their nature survive the expiration, termination or transfer of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect after and notwithstanding its expiration, termination or transfer until such are satisfied in full or by their nature expire.

12.12 FORCE MAJEURE

Neither Party shall be in default or responsible for delays or failures in performance resulting from causes beyond its control. Such causes include but are not limited to acts of God, fire, storm, flood, earthquake, natural disaster, nuclear accident, strike, air traffic disruption, lockout, riot, freight embargo, public regulated utility, or governmental statutes, orders, or regulations superimposed after the fact. Any Party delayed by force majeure shall as soon as reasonably possible give the other Party written notice of the delay. The Party delayed shall use reasonable diligence to correct the cause of the delay, if correctable, and if the condition that caused the delay is corrected, the Party delayed shall immediately give the other Party written notice thereof and shall resume performance under this Agreement as soon as practicable. The date of delivery or of performance

shall be extended for at least a minimum time period equal to the time lost by reason of the delay.

12.13 BINDING EFFECT

This Agreement and the respective rights and obligations of the Parties hereto shall inure to the benefit and be binding upon the successors and assigns of the Parties hereto, as well as the Parties themselves.

12.14 SIGNATORY WARRANTY

City and County represent that each has the full right, power and authority to enter and perform this Agreement in accordance with all of the terms and conditions herein, and that the execution and delivery of this Agreement is made by authorized representatives of the Parties to validly and legally bind the parties to all terms, performances and provisions set forth in this Agreement.

EXECUTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2025. ("Effective Date")

FOR DALLAS COUNTY:

BY: Clay Lewis Jenkins
County Judge

DATE: _____

Recommended:

BY: Dr. Philip Huang
Director, DCHHS

Approved as to Form for Dallas County*:

JOHN CREUZOT
CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY
DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

BARBARA NICHOLAS
CHIEF, CIVIL DIVISION

BY: Brandon W. Carr
Assistant District Attorney

FOR CITY:

BY: _____
City Manager/Mayor

DATE: _____

Recommended (CITY):

BY: _____
Title: _____

Approved as to Form (CITY):

BY: _____
Title: _____

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