

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 UNIVERSITY PARK

## **1. PARTIES**

This Interlocal Agreement ("Agreement") is made by and between the City of University Park, Texas ("City"), a Texas municipal corporation, and Dallas County, Texas ("County"), on behalf of Dallas County Health and Human Services ("DCHHS"), a governmental entity, pursuant to the authorities granted by Texas Local Government Code Chapter 791, Interlocal Cooperation Act, Texas Health and Safety Code Chapters 437, Food and Drug Health Regulations, and 121, Local Regulation of Public Health, along with 25 Texas Administrative Code, 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.

## **2. TERM**

This Agreement is effective from October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014 unless otherwise stated in this Agreement.

## **3. INSPECTION SERVICES AND REQUIREMENTS**

- A. County will perform a minimum of two (2) inspections per Agreement 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;
- B. Additional follow-up inspections will be performed as deemed necessary by County;
- C. Any additional request for follow-up inspections by City of food establishments, including food establishments that are closed due to non-compliance with the State and other applicable rules and regulations will be charged additional fees;
- D. Each food establishment inspection will be made by a Registered Professional Sanitarian employed by DCHHS, in compliance with all state laws and regulations;
- E. 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.

## **4. BUDGET AND PAYMENT TO COUNTY**

- A. City will collect and submit to the County a minimum of One Hundred Fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$150.00) per Agreement Term.
- B. Beginning with the third food establishment inspection, City will pay a Seventy Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$75.00) fee for each additional inspection requested by City.

- C. City will collect Seventy Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$75.00) 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 of Chapter 437 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, or any other state rules and regulations.
- D. The fees are subject to change, upon prior written notice to City, if additional cost is associated with the services under this Agreement
- E. 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. 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.

## **5. OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

- A. Upon written request from City, County will respond to Vector and/or Mosquito Control complaints. Ground application services will include spraying for adult mosquitoes ("adulticiding"), and treating standing water ("larvaciding") services.
- B. In the event aerial spraying is needed to control St. Louis Encephalitis or West Nile virus throughout the County, City will have the option to participate in the County's emergency aerial mosquito spraying plan. Should City agree to participate in the plan, 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 City's proportioned share of the cost based upon the number of acres to be sprayed multiplied by the per-acre spraying cost.

## **6. RECORDS**

City shall have the sole responsibility of responding to requests for records of food inspection results produced under this Agreement. County will make its best effort to forward any requests for such records that it received to City within three business days after County's receipt of such requests.

## **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, in whole or in part, at its sole discretion, for the following reasons:
  - 1) Lack of, or reduction in, funding or resources;
  - 2) Non-performance;
  - 3) City's improper, misuse or inept use of funds or resources; and/or
  - 4) City's submission of data, statements and/or reports that are incorrect, incomplete and/or false in any way.



## **8. CITY ORDINANCE**

In order for this Agreement to be valid, the City must have or adopt a City ordinance that provides for the inspection of food establishments by a Registered Professional Sanitarian. City must require the payment of a fee(s) by each food establishment. Ordinance enforcement shall be the responsibility of the City.

## **9. INDEMNIFICATION**

County and City, including their respective employees and elected officials, agree that each shall be responsible for its own negligent acts or omissions or other tortious conduct in the course of performance of this Agreement, without waiving any governmental immunity available to County or City under Texas and other applicable laws, and without waiving any available defenses under Texas and other applicable laws. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to create or grant any rights, contractual or otherwise, in or to any third persons or entities.

## **10. INSURANCE**

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.

## **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:

### **DALLAS COUNTY**

Zachary Thompson, Director  
Dallas County Health & Human Svcs.  
2377 N. Stemmons Frwy., Suite 600  
Dallas, Texas 75207-2710

### **CITY OF UNIVERSITY PARK**

Bob Livingston, City Manager  
City Of University Park  
3800 University Boulevard  
University Park, Texas 75205-1711

## **12. 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.

## **13. 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. 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.

#### **14. 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 or 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.

#### **15. 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. 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 City at the earliest possible time prior to the end of its fiscal year.

#### **16. DEFAULT/CUMULATIVE RIGHTS/MITIGATION**

It is not a waiver of default if the non-defaulting party fails to immediately declare a default or delays in taking any action. 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. Both parties have a duty to mitigate damages.

#### **17. IMMUNITY**

This Agreement is expressly made subject to City's and County's Governmental Immunity, including, without limitation, Title 5 of the Texas Civil 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.

#### **18. COMPLIANCE OF LAWS AND VENUE**

In providing services required by this Agreement, City and County 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.

#### **19. RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES**

City is an independent contractor and not an agent, servant, joint enterpriser, joint venturer or

employee of County. City and County agree and acknowledge that each entity shall be responsible for its own acts, forbearance, negligence and deeds, and for those of its agents or employees in conjunction with the performance of work covered under this Agreement.

## 20. 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, and that the execution and delivery of Agreement have been made by authorized representatives of the parties to validly and legally bind the respective parties to all terms, performances and provisions set forth in this Agreement.

**COUNTY:**

**CITY:**

BY: Clay Lewis Jenkins  
County Judge

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Manager/Mayor

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Recommended:**

BY: Zachary Thompson  
Director, DCHHS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Approved as to Form\*:**

**Approved as to Form:**

CRAIG WATKINS  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

TERESA GUERRA SNELSON  
CHIEF, CIVIL DIVISION

BY: Melanie Barton  
Assistant District Attorney

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

\*By law, the District Attorney's Office may only advise or approve contracts or legal documents on behalf of its clients. It may not advise or approve a contract or legal document on behalf of other parties. Our review of this document was conducted solely from the legal perspective of our client. Our approval of this document was offered solely for the benefit of our client. Other parties should not rely on this approval, and should seek review and approval by their own respective attorney(s).