



City of Sugar Land

Environmental & Neighborhood Services Department

Food Inspection Program

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Application for a Variance / Exemption for Food Establishments Seeking to Permit Dogs in Outdoor Eating Areas

1. Establishment Name: _____
2. Physical Address: _____
3. Owner Name: _____
4. Owner Contact Phone Number: _____

Variance Requirements:

Owners and operators of Fixed Food Establishments with dog variances must post the regulations pertaining to Sec. 3-84 (e) and (f) of the Sugar Land Code of Ordinances in a location visible to all restaurant employees.

(e) Regulations applying to Fixed Food Establishments with a dog variance:

- (1) Patio access provided for dogs by exterior patio access only;
- (2) Installation of Signage – “Dog Friendly Patio: Dog Access to Outdoor Patio Only”;
- (3) Hand sanitizer available to customers on the patio;
- (4) Outdoor patio cleaned with animal friendly chemicals at the beginning of each shift during which food or beverages will be served;
- (5) Outdoor patio continuously maintained free of visible dog hair, dog dander and other dog-related waste or debris;
- (6) Employees prohibited from petting or having contact with any dog on the patio;
- (7) Elimination of potential for contamination of food preparation areas/utensils;
- (8) Dogs must remain on the ground. Dogs are prohibited from sitting on any table, countertop, chair, or any other surfaces that customers use in the outdoor patio area. Dog carrier bags/purses may not be stored on dining chairs; and
- (9) Employees may not provide any food items to dogs. Water may be provided in disposable bowls. No dining ware may be used.

(f) Regulations applying to owners or handlers of dogs while at a Fixed Food Establishment with a dog variance:

- (1) Dogs must wear collar with current rabies vaccination and identification tags with owner name and contact information;
- (2) Owners or handlers may not leave a dog outside and unattended;
- (3) Dogs deemed Dangerous by any municipality or acts aggressively towards people or dogs are prohibited from entering the patio. Aggressive behavior is defined as unprovoked, snapping or biting;
- (4) Dogs must be leashed at all times. The owner or handler must keep the dog under restraint and be in constant control of the dog; and
- (5) The owner or handler must immediately remove and properly dispose of feces left by their dog on public or private property.

I hereby certify that the above named food establishment will comply with the above conditions and standards. I also understand that dogs are not allowed on the patio(s) until this variance request is approved. If the variance request is approved and the permit holder/person-in-charge fails to comply with the standards and conditions established as part of this variance application, the City of Sugar Land has the authority to revoke the variance.

Applicant Name (PRINT)	Applicant Signature	Date
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City of Sugar Land Use Only

FEES:

_____ **Dog Variance fee: \$200.00**

Date Received: _____ Received by: _____

Inspection Conducted by: _____ Date: _____

Variance Granted Signature: _____ Date granted: _____

Variance Denied Signature: _____ Date denied: _____

Reason(s) for Denial:
