



CORPUS CHRISTI - NUECES COUNTY
**PUBLIC HEALTH
DISTRICT**

Interlocal Agreement with DSHS for Mobile Food Vendor Inspections & Complaint Investigations

**Dr. Anita K. Kurian, Director of Public Health
June 23, 2026**

Resolution

Resolution authorizing an interlocal agreement with the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for the Corpus Christi–Nueces County Public Health District to perform mobile food vendor inspections and complaint investigations from July 1, 2026, to August 31, 2027, with the option to extend for an additional 4 years for a maximum contract length of 5 years.

This resolution authorizes an interlocal agreement with DSHS under Texas Government Code Chapter 791 and Texas Health and Safety Code Chapters 437 and 437B, allowing CCNCPHD to conduct the following mobile food vendor activities:

- Inspections
- Complaint follow ups
- Monitoring services
- Compliance investigations



Background & Summary

House Bill 2844 (89th Legislature), the “Food Truck Freedom Bill,” establishes a single statewide health permit for mobile food vendors and shifts permitting and inspection authority from local jurisdictions to the State of Texas, effective July 1, 2026.

Under Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 437B and related rules in 25 Texas Administrative Code Chapters 226, 228, and 229, DSHS will license mobile food vendors statewide and is responsible for mobile food vendor inspections and enforcement unless those activities are delegated to local governments by contract.

Under the contract, DSHS will reimburse the City on a fee-for-service basis at unit rates per inspection type, with total reimbursements not to exceed \$106,517.00.



Background & Summary

The City currently charges \$258 per mobile unit permit, generating about \$69,660 annually from approximately 270 units. These fees cover inspection costs. When HB 2844 takes effect, state licensing will replace local mobile unit health permits. DSHS will collect the licensing fees and reimburse the City for inspections based on the contract rates.

If the City does not enter into an interlocal agreement with DSHS, CCNCPHD will no longer conduct mobile food vendor inspections or complaint investigations. DSHS would assume full responsibility for inspections and compliance.

Entering this agreement allows the City to retain local oversight of mobile food vendors, align with statewide standards, and ensure timely response to complaints and public health concerns.



Fiscal Impact and Staff Recommendation

Fiscal Impact

Under the proposed contract, DSHS will reimburse CCNCPHD on a fee-for-service basis, with total payments not to exceed \$106,517 for the period July 1, 2026, through August 31, 2027. Reimbursements are based on unit rates by inspection type and mobile food vendor classification, including:

- \$250 per inspection for Type I mobile food vendors
- \$350 per inspection for Type II mobile food vendors
- \$400 per inspection for Type III mobile food vendors
- The same unit rates by mobile food vendor type for complaint investigations and monitoring/compliance inspections.

Staff Recommendation: Approval of the Resolution.





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Thank you!