



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of May 14, 2013
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of May 28, 2013

DATE: 5/2/2013
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Allowing Dogs in Outdoor Dining Areas

CAPTION:

Ordinance amending Chapter 19, Code of Ordinances, City of Corpus Christi, regarding a variance of Section 19-15 which allows for dogs in outdoor dining areas of food establishments and the accompanying application and variance certificate fee; providing for penalties; providing for severance; and providing for publication.

PURPOSE:

The Corpus Christi Nueces County Public Health District is proposing to provide a variance certification for food establishments seeking to allow dogs in outdoor eating areas.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Many cities are allowing food establishments to have designated areas that allow dogs to accompany their owners when dining in an outside dining area of a restaurant. This allows for a more animal friendly environment in our community. We are requesting an amendment for a variance to allow food establishments that have outside dining areas, to request a variance certificate from the Health District if interested in allowing dogs in their outdoor dining facility. The Health District will provide a variance certificate application for food establishments seeking approval to allow dogs in an outdoor dining area.

ALTERNATIVES:

Without this variance certificate, the state laws will stay in affect, dogs will not be able to accompany their owners to any dining areas.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Not applicable

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

Council approval required for acceptance of this ordinance

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-Emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Corpus Christi-Nueces County Public Health District
Legal

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Operating Revenue Capital Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2012-2013	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item				
BALANCE				

Fund(s):

Comments: No matching funds required.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance