



Ordinance amending Chapter 38 of the Corpus Christi Code to exempt flea markets and farmers markets from vendor permitting

City Council Presentation
October 9, 2018



Purpose

- To exempt farmers market and flea market vendors from the requirement to obtain a City vendor permit when operating at a designated outdoor location.
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Background and Findings

- Existing ordinance language requires any person who engages in the business of selling any goods or services from any vehicle, cart, stand, or other equipment in or upon any public way or any private premises; and outside a permanent, established structure to obtain a vendor permit.
 - Vendors operating at flea markets and farmers markets conducted in designated outdoor locations with the permission of the property owner, do not pose a threat to the safety, health or welfare of the public.
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Background and Findings

- Flea markets and farmers markets are already regulated through building codes, zoning, and certificates of occupancy.
 - A flea market or farmers market should not necessitate a vendor permit because the consumer is seeking the services on site as opposed to going door to door or to a public area.
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Background and Findings





SECTION 1. The Corpus Christi Code of Ordinance, Section 38-2 is amended by adding the following language that is underlined (added)

(6) *Farmers market* means a designated outdoor location used primarily for the distribution and sale directly to consumers of produce by farmers or other producers.

(7) *Flea market* shall mean a designated outdoor location provided to two or more persons used primarily for the sale or bartering of goods.



SECTION 2. The Corpus Christi Code of Ordinance, Section 38-3 is amended by adding the following language that is underlined (added) to exclude the following from the code.

(17) Persons engaged in the sale of goods at a flea market, excluding mobile food venders.

(18) Persons engaged in the sale of goods at a farmers' market, excluding mobile food venders.



Recommendations

- Approval
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