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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	12882	Agenda Number	10.
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Meeting Date:	3/1/2012	Department:	Health and Human Services
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Subject

Approve an ordinance amending Chapter 10-3 of the City Code, "Food and Food Handlers," to delete references to vending machines, identify where permits must be posted, require every employee to be a registered food handler, and clarify certain other requirements.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. No fiscal note is required.

Purchasing Language:

Prior Council Action:

Ordinance No. 20101028-046.

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Boards and Commission Action:

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Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

Chapter 10-3 of the City Code, "Food and Food Handlers," was last revised in 2010 to modify the requirements for Mobile Food Vending, Temporary Event and Sampling. This revised version clarifies existing requirements and overall housekeeping of the code. The following is a description of these areas:

Existing City Code requires that Food Enterprises must display their operating permits in a public location visible to the public. The proposed changes will define what a "public place" means.

The requirements for Food Handler /Food Manager Certification have been in effect for several years and the industry is familiar with these requirements; in addition, the ease and availability of training has increased making previous code provisions unnecessary. Therefore, code revisions simplify the process of determining compliance.

Changes in the code will result in the following:

- All references to vending machines will be deleted.
- A visible public location for posting of the operating permit will be defined.
- Every current employee of a food enterprise must be listed as a Registered Food Handler.
- A food enterprise must employ one current Certified Food Manager.
- References to Food Establishment will be changed to Food Enterprise to match code definitions.