



## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

**FROM:** The Office of the City Manager   **DATE:** September 11, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** Consider Ordinance No. 3815 Amending and Restating Chapter 18, Article IV, Division 6, of the City of North Richland Hills Code of Ordinances, modifying the rules and regulations for Mobile Food Vendors, and amending Appendix A, Fee Schedule removing the annual Mobile Food Unit permit fee.  
**PRESENTER:** Stefanie Martinez, Director of Neighborhood Services

### **SUMMARY:**

Effective September 1, 2023, Tarrant County Environmental Health became the regulating authority regarding inspection and permitting of mobile food units with Tarrant County. North Richland Hills as well as all other municipalities within the boundaries of Tarrant County no longer have purview and enforcement of inspections or permitting of mobile food units.

Chapter 18, Article IV, Division 6 of the North Richland Hills Code of Ordinances must therefore be amended to reflect those changes created with the amendment of Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 437 and 437A.

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

The following provisions will remain in effect of Chapter 18, Article IV, Division 6 of the City of North Richland Hills Code of Ordinances:

- Establishes specific timeframes during which mobile food units may operate.
- Establishes specific locations where mobile food units may operate.
- Authorizes only one mobile food unit per property unless operating under a City issued Special Event Permit or no less than 300 feet from another mobile food unit.
- Establishes a permission form to be utilized and completed by the property owner as well as the operator of the mobile food unit.
- Requires vendor access to restroom facilities at the vending location.
- Requires certain equipment to be provided by the mobile food unit.



The proposed ordinance adds the following provisions:

- Requires mobile food units to comply with the noise level restrictions in the City code to prevent disruptions to the community due to excessive noise.
- Adds waste discharge to the sanitation requirements.
- Clarifies the responsible parties that can be penalized for violating the ordinance.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve Ordinance No. 3815.