



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT

Ordinance Amending Chapter 13 of City Code

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Background

Metro Health's, Food & Environmental section, utilizes the Texas Food Establishment Rules (TFER) to safeguard public health, and provide food that is safe, unmodified, and honestly presented to customers.

The TFER was updated on August 8, 2021. City Ordinance currently cites the 2015 TFER.

Metro Health is seeking to amend Chapter 13 of the City Code (Food and Food Handlers) to align with the 2021 Texas Food Establishment Rules.





Background

Revisions will include 4 sections of Chapter 13:

- 13-2 Adoption of 2021 Texas Food Establishment Rules and removal of Good Manufacturing Practices.
 - State Health Department inspects and licenses manufacturers.
- 13-43 Sanitation of temporary food establishments; no rule changes to ordinance. Only updating ordinance to reference correct section in TFER.





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- 13-64 Sanitation requirements generally; no rule changes to ordinance. Only updating ordinance to reference correct section in TFER.
- 13-119 Food handler certification required to be obtained in 30 days from hire; this changed from 60-day requirement.

Metro Health attended the San Antonio Restaurant Association Board Meeting on August 24th to discuss adoption of the 2021 TFER. There were no concerns.



Fiscal Impact

The proposed changes will have no fiscal impact to the General Fund.



Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance amending Chapter 13 of the City Code to align the Code with current public health practices.

Changes will become effective January 1, 2022.