

ORDINANCE NO. 2389

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS ADOPTING REVISED FOOD ESTABLISHMENT AND INSPECTIONS FEES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE V, DIVISION 4, SECTION 2-136(B) (FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS AND INSPECTIONS) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS:

Section 1. That section 2-136(b) (Food establishments and inspections) is amended to read as follows:

DIVISION 4. – FEES FOR VARIOUS CITY SERVICES

Sec. 2-136. Environmental and Neighborhood Services Fees

(b) *Food establishments and inspections:*

(1) Food establishment

Permit fee, per year:

Low Risk\$258.00

Medium Risk...\$515.00

High Risk...\$773.00

Permit amendment fee, each:

Low Risk...\$125.00

Medium Risk....\$250.00

High Risk.....\$375.00

Late fee....\$100.00

(2) School food establishment

Permit fee...\$258.00

Permit amendment fee, each...\$125.00

Late fee...\$100.00

(3) Temporary Retail Food establishment permit

Single-day event...\$52.00

Multiple events...\$200.00

(4) Inspection Application...\$150.00

(5) Reinspection fee, each\$200.00

(6) Farmer's Market permit fee, per year ...\$100.00

(7) Mobile Food Unit (this subsection expires on 6/30/26)

Permit fee\$258.00

Permit amendment fee...\$125.00

Section 2. That the provisions of this ordinance are severable and the invalidity of any part of this ordinance will not affect the validity of the remainder of the ordinance.

Section 3. That this ordinance is effective on January 4, 2026, or 61 days after second reading, whichever is later.

Section 4. That the Mobile Food Unit permit and amendment fees sunset on June 30, 2026.

APPROVED on first consideration on November 4, 2025.

ADOPTED on second consideration on December 2, 2025.

Carol K. McCutcheon
Carol K. McCutcheon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Mendenhall
Linda Mendenhall, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Meredith Riedel



City Council Agenda Request December 2, 2025

Agenda Request No: VII.G.

Agenda of: City Council Meeting

Initiated by: Nicole Solis, Assistant Director of Neighborhood Services

Presented by: Nicole Guevara, Assistant Director of Neighborhood Services

Responsible Department: Public Works

Agenda Caption:

SECOND CONSIDERATION: Consideration of and action on **CITY OF SUGAR LAND ORDINANCE NO. 2389:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS ADOPTING REVISED FOOD ESTABLISHMENT AND INSPECTIONS FEES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE V, DIVISION 4, SECTION 2-136(B) (FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS AND INSPECTIONS) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Recommended Action:

Consider and approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2389 amending Chapter 2, Article V, Division 4 - Fees for Various City Services

Executive Summary:

Recent changes to state food safety laws adopted during the last legislative session require a comprehensive update to the City's food ordinance and associated fees. Staff will review major areas of impact and necessary revisions to maintain compliance with state and federal standards.

• **State Law Alignment & Local Oversight Impacts**

Revisions align City regulations with new state laws by updating definitions, fee structures, and permitting processes to reflect risk-based standards and required posting procedures. The state legislation also reduced local oversight by eliminating routine inspections for public schools, non-profits, and childcare facilities, now limited to inspections upon request, and prohibiting the City's frozen dessert sampling program.

• **Local Ordinance Clarifications**

Provides clearer standards for temporary food permits, enforcement of unpaid fees, tenant change-of-occupancy requirements, and operations at farmer's markets.

Ordinance No. 2389 was approved unanimously on first reading during the November 4, 2025 City Council meeting.

Public Works recommends approval of Ordinance 2389.

Budget

Expenditure Required: N/A

Current Budget: N/A

Additional Funding: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

Account Number (ORG-OBJ-Project): N/A

Attachments

1. FY 2026 Food establishment fees v1 (002) (1)