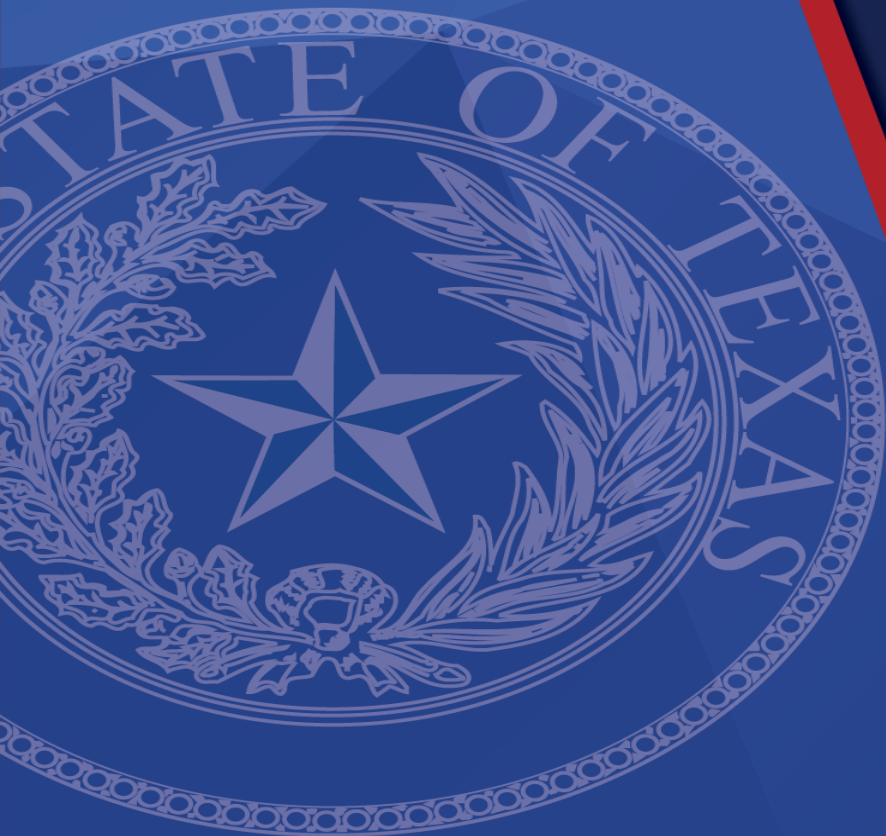




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Retail Food Safety Operations Branch

# MFV Rules-25 TAC 226

(Title 25, Chapter 226, TX Administrative Code)



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Proposed rules posted in *Texas Register* on

- 02.20.26 for 31 days
- Formal Comments ended March 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - 20 Submissions
  - 101 Comments
- **Effective 05.31.2026 ! ! !**



# HB 2844

# Implementation



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- DSHS has been focused on:
  - Operational Implementation
  - SOP Development
  - Funding and Resource Identification
  - Contract Development
  - Internal Reorganization



# Collaborative Agreement



- **437B.153:** Authorizes DSHS to enter into “collaborative agreements” to reimburse Local Jurisdictions for conducting MFV inspections. However, HSC 437B.002 clarifies that local jurisdictions **are not obligated** to participate.
- **Proposed Reimbursement:**
- Type I: \$250  
Type II: \$350  
Type III: \$400
- **Surveys, SOPs, Inspections**



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# Collaborative Agreement Contracts



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- Sent out Letters of Intent on February 27<sup>th</sup>.  
Extension granted until March 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Statement of Work was sent out with Letter of Intent template
- Contract Management Services (CMS) is actively working on drafting and rolling out contracts



# Local Health Department Workgroup

- Workgroup meets once a week
- Discuss Updates, Clarifications, and SOPs
- Will be providing Standard Operating Procedures to workgroup for feedback by April 10th



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# Operational Follow Up

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## **Grandfathering approach determination**

- Statute dictates the effect of previous licenses
- Previous licenses will not be effective after July 1, 2026

## **1<sup>st</sup> Year Rollout Approach**

- Entities apply after the rules are effective or by July 1, 2026
- Notice to DSHS, local partners, and mobile food vendor patrons while an entity is in the application cycle but is pending a completed DSHS license
- DSHS and local partners can implement pre-licensure inspections on a timeline driven by available resources and staffing



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- **Iterative Rollout During Initial Licensing Process**

- Mobile food vendors will apply with DSHS and pay an application fee.
  - This step demonstrates a potential license is in progress subject to pre-licensure inspection requirements.
  - A valid applicant will be able to display on their mobile food unit they have applied for licensure with DSHS.
- DSHS and local partners operating under a collaborative agreement will work to conduct pre-licensure inspection as quickly as possible.
- License effective date will be based on completion of the licensing process, not the beginning.



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# Operational Follow Up

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- **Weekend Support and Emergency Closure**

- DSHS staff will receive inquiries from local partners regarding requests for emergency closure, including on weekends
- DSHS is reviewing existing emergency closure processes to help standardize and ensure consistency across jurisdictions

- **Future Topics**

- Trainings on updated rules, emergency closure policies and procedures
- Statewide MFV application portal
- Training on related IT solution for DSHS/collaborative agreement partners to access licensure information



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# QUESTIONS?



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