



Staff Report

AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: August 24, 2026

SUBMITTED BY: Krystal Hasselmeier, Planning

ITEM TYPE: Agenda Item

AGENDA SECTION: CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2026-12 Repealing and Replacing Article 6.05 Food Establishments, Division 5 Mobile Food Establishments of the City of El Campo Code of Ordinances; Removing City Permitting Requirements Pursuant to Texas House Bill 2844 and Chapter 437B of the Texas Health and Safety Code' Providing for State Licensing and Compliance with Applicable State and Local Law; Provisions for Location and Operational Regulations; And Establishing an Effective Date

BACKGROUND: The Texas State House Bill 2844, passed by the Texas Legislature on May 26, 2025, Effective July 1, 2026 requires all mobile food vendors to obtain annual licensing through the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and revokes authority of cities to regulate these businesses through permitting procedures, including charging fees.

The City of El Campo has been regulating mobile food establishments through permitting under the current Article. 6.05 Food Establishments, Division 5 Mobile Food Establishments, but ceased permitting requirements upon effectiveness of this state law. At this time, staff is presenting revisions to the current Article. 6.05 Food Establishments, Division 5 Mobile Food Establishments to eliminate any permitting or fee requirements, but to maintain a registration process whereby the inspections department can continue to document property owner permission for food trucks to operate at their locations.

The Ordinance Report attached outlines these proposed changes.

Item(s) Included:

- Ordinance ORD2026-12
- Ordinance Report

SUGGESTED ACTION:

ATTACHMENTS:

[Ordinance 2026-12 - Art. 6.05 Food Establishments, Div. 5 Mobile Food Vendors.docx](#)

