



**Agreement to Operate Compliant Dog-Friendly Outdoor Eating Areas / Food Establishments**

- 1. Establishment Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Account Number (can be found on food dealer’s permit): \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Contact email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dog Patio Compliance - Texas Health and Safety Code Sec. 437 & 8-26:**

- a. Except as allowed under 20-21.28 (f) (2), no dog may be present inside the food establishment.
- b. A separate entrance must be provided from the outside of the food establishment to the outdoor patio so that a dog will have direct access to the patio without entering the interior of the food establishment.
- c. Owner of the facility / person-in-charge must post a sign in a conspicuous location in the dog-friendly area stating that dogs are permitted.
- d. On the patio, the establishment will not prepare food or permit open food other than food that is actively being served to a customer.
- e. A dog must be kept on a leash and remain in the control of the customer while in the outdoor patio area. Any human bite from a dog must be reported to the Bureau of Animal Regulation and Care (BARC) by calling 311.
- f. A dog is not allowed on any seat, table, countertop, or any other surfaces that customers use in the outdoor patio area.

**General Establishment Compliance - Houston Food Ordinance 20-21.02(a)(01), 20-21.09(e), and 20-21.21(b):**

- a. Under food protection requirements, the food establishment is to prevent contact between dishes or utensils used for food service and dogs or dog items to prevent utensil / food contamination. Water for dogs is to be provided by the food establishment in disposable containers to prevent cross-contamination of human utensils.
- b. As part of hygienic employee practice standards, on-duty wait staff, bus staff, or other food handlers at the food establishment are not to pet or have contact with a dog. Food establishment personnel may not serve any food directly to a dog. Kibble, biscuits, and edible treats may be given to the dog by the customer.
- c. All entrances to the outdoors from the interior of food establishments must be equipped with self-closing devices and are kept closed when not in use.





***It is strongly recommended that:***

- a. The patio is continuously maintained free of visible dog hair, dog dander other dog-related waste or debris.
- b. The outdoor patio is cleaned with animal-friendly chemicals at the beginning of each shift during which food or beverages will be served.
- c. Appropriate materials for removing and cleaning a dog’s bodily functions are kept on or near the designated outdoor area.
- d. Dog waste is placed in a covered / sealable insect and rodent proof container located adjacent to the patio and is disposed of outside of the food establishment in an approved covered waste receptacle.

*\*I hereby certify that the above-named food establishment will comply with the conditions and standards from Texas Health and Safety Code Sec. 437 & 8-26, Houston Food Ordinance Sec. 20-21.02(a)(01), 20-21.09(e), and 20-21.21(b).*

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*\*Applicant Name (PRINT)*

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*\*Applicant Signature*

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*\*Date*

