

**ORDINANCE NO 93**

**CITY OF PATTISON, TEXAS**

**FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS ORDINANCE**

**AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE REGULATION OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS INCLUDING FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS, RETAIL FOOD STORES, TEMPORARY FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS, MOBILE FOOD UNITS, AND ROADSIDE FOOD VENDORS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; REPEALER; SEVERABILITY; AND PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Pattison believes that all food services and food preparation which occurs in food establishments outside of the home may affect the health, safety and welfare of an individual who purchases products from such establishment; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council further believes that any food establishments failure to follow basic sanitation and food preparation guidelines can pose a threat to the health, safety and welfare of the residents and visitors of Pattison; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that such food establishments must be regulated in accordance with state law so as to protect the residents and visitors to the City;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PATTISON, TEXAS THAT:**

**1. FINDINGS OF FACT**

All of the above premises are hereby found to be true and correct legislative and factual findings of the City Council, and are hereby approved and incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if copied in their entirety.

**2. REGULATIONS**

Section 1. Adoption of Texas Food Establishment Rules

A. City of Pattison adopts by reference the provisions of the current rules or rules as amended by The Executive Commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission found in 25 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 229, Sections 161 through 171 and 173 through 175 regarding the regulation of food establishments in this jurisdiction.

B. Definitions

The words "authorized agent or employee" mean the employees of the regulatory authority.

The words "food establishment" mean a food service establishment, a retail food store, a temporary food establishment, a mobile food unit, and/or a roadside food vendor.

The words "municipality" or "city" in this ordinance shall be understood to refer to the City of Pattison.

The words "state rules" mean the state rules found at 25 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 229, Sections 161 through 171 and Sections 173 through 175. These rules are also known as the Texas Food Establishment Rules.

The words "regulatory authority" mean the Texas Department of State Health Services or a designated local enforcement body having jurisdiction over food establishments within Waller County, Texas.

## Section 2. Permits and Exemptions

A person may not operate a food establishment without a permit issued by the regulatory authority. Permits are not transferrable from one person to another or from one location to another location, except as otherwise permitted by this ordinance. A valid permit must be posted in or on every food establishment regulated by this ordinance.

## Section 3. Application for Permit and Fees

- A. Any person desiring to operate a food establishment must make a written application for a permit on forms provided by the regulatory authority. The application must contain the name and address of each applicant, the location and type of the proposed food establishment and the applicable fee. An incomplete application will not be accepted. Failure to provide all required information, or falsifying information required may result in denial or revocation of the permit. Renewals of permits are required on an annual basis and the same information is required for a renewal permit as for an initial permit.
- B. Prior to the approval of an initial permit or the renewal of an existing permit, the regulatory authority shall inspect the proposed food establishment to determine compliance with state laws and rules. A food establishment that does not comply with state laws and rules will be denied a permit or the renewal of a permit.
- C. The following fee schedule applies to permits issued under this ordinance:  
\$285.00 for the permit and \$150.00 for each inspection after that if needed.

## Section 4. Review of Plans

- A. Whenever a food establishment is constructed or extensively remodeled and whenever an existing structure is converted to use as a food establishment, properly prepared plans and specifications for such construction, remodeling or conversion shall be submitted to the

regulatory authority for review before work is begun. Extensive remodeling means that 20% or greater of the area of the food establishment is to be remodeled. The plans and specifications shall indicate the proposed layout, equipment arrangement, mechanical plans and construction of materials of work areas, and the type and model of proposed fixed equipment and facilities. The plans and specifications will be approved by the regulatory authority if they meet the requirements of the rules adopted by this ordinance. The approved plans and specifications must be followed in construction, remodeling or conversion.

- B. Failure to follow the approved plans and specifications will result in a permit denial, suspension, or revocation.

#### Section 5. Suspension of Permit

- A. The regulatory authority may, without warning, notice, or hearing suspend any permit to operate a food establishment if the operation of the food establishment constitutes an imminent hazard to public health. Suspension is effective upon service of the notice required by Paragraph (5)(B) of this ordinance. When a permit is suspended, food operations shall immediately cease. Whenever a permit is suspended, the holder of the permit shall be afforded an opportunity for a hearing within 20 days of receipt of a request for a hearing.
- B. Whenever a permit is suspended, the holder of the permit or the person in charge shall be notified in writing that the permit is, upon service of the notice, immediately suspended and that an opportunity for a hearing will be provided if a written request for a hearing is filed with the regulatory authority by the holder of the permit within ten days. If no written request for hearing is filed within ten days, the suspension is sustained. The regulatory authority may end the suspension at any time if reasons for suspension no longer exist.

#### Section 6. Revocation of Permit

- A. The regulatory authority may, after providing opportunity for a hearing, revoke a permit for serious or repeated violations of any of the requirements of these rules or for interference with the regulatory authority in the performance of its duties. Prior to revocation, the regulatory authority shall notify the holder of the permit or the person in charge, in writing, of the reason for which the permit is subject to revocation and that the permit shall be revoked at the end of the ten days following service of such notice unless a written request for a hearing is filed with the regulatory authority by the holder of the permit within such ten day period.
- B. If no request for hearing is filed within the ten day period, the revocation of the permit becomes final.

#### Section 7. Administrative Process

- A. A notice as required in these rules is properly served when it is delivered to the holder of the permit or the person in charge, or when it is sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last known address of the holder of the permit. A copy of the notice shall be filed in the records of the regulatory authority.
- B. The hearings provided for in these rules shall be conducted by the regulatory authority at a time and place designated by it. Based upon the recorded evidence of such hearing, the regulatory authority shall make final findings, and shall sustain, modify or rescind any notice or order considered in the hearing. A written report of the hearing decision shall be furnished to the holder of the permit by the regulatory authority.

### Section 8. Remedies

- A. Any person who violates a provision of these rules and any person who is the permit holder of or otherwise operates a food service establishment that does not comply with the requirements of these rules and any responsible officer of that permit holder or those persons shall be fined not more than \$200.00 dollars.
- B. The regulatory authority may seek to enjoin violations of these rules.

### **3. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall be and become effective immediately upon and after its passage and publication as may be required by governing law.

### **4. REPEALER**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in force when the provisions of this Ordinance becomes effective which are inconsistent or in conflict with the terms and provisions contained in this Ordinance are hereby repealed only to the extent of such conflict.

### **5. SEVERABILITY**

Should any part, sentence or phrase of this Ordinance be determined to be unlawful, void or unenforceable, the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall not be adversely affected. No portion of this Ordinance shall fail or become inoperative by reason of the invalidity of any other part. All provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

### **6. PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING**

It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

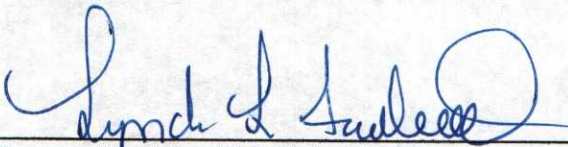
**PASSED AND ADOPTED, EFFECTIVE THE 14th day of June, 2011.**

**CITY OF PATTISON, TEXAS**



**Mayor Bill Matthews**

**ATTEST:**



**Lynda L. Fairchild, City Secretary**