



**COMMISSIONERS COURT
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SUBMITTED BY	Public Health	PREPARED BY:	Gary Collins
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THE STATE OF TEXAS

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WHEREAS, the Interlocal Cooperation Act contained in Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code and Section 22.078 of the Texas Transportation Code provides legal authority for the Parties to enter into this Agreement.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of the **COUNTY** finds this Agreement service a public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, the **COUNTY** and **DFW BOARD** agree as follows:

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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2. **DFW BOARD RESPONSIBILITY**

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- Require all food establishments within the corporate limits of the **DFW BOARD** to maintain a valid health permit;
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If during an inspection of a food facility, pool or spa, Tarrant County Public Health Department personnel notices a violation of the **DFW BOARD's** code, the Tarrant County Public Health Department shall notify the appropriate DFW BOARD official. The **DFW BOARD** shall be responsible for the enforcement of the **DFW BOARD's** health ordinances. The **COUNTY** shall make available for testimony **COUNTY** personnel whose testimony may be required to support such enforcement action in accordance with the procedures established by DFW BOARD for the appearance of law enforcement officers.

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5. NO WAIVER OF IMMUNITY

This Agreement does not waive **COUNTY** rights under a legal theory of sovereign immunity.

6. THIRD PARTY

This Agreement shall not be interpreted to inure to the benefit of a third party not a party of this Agreement. This Agreement shall not be interpreted to waive any statutory or common law defense, immunity, or any limitation of liability, responsibility or damage of any party to this Agreement, party's agent or party's employee, otherwise provided by law.

7. EXCLUSION OF INCIDENTAL DAMAGES

Independent of, severable from, and to be enforced independently of any other enforceable or unenforceable provision of this Agreement, **NEITHER PARTY WILL BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER PARTY NOR TO ANY PERSON CLAIMING INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, SPECIAL PUNITIVE, OR EXEMPLARY DAMAGES OF ANY KIND**, including lost profits, loss of business, or other economic damage and further including injury to property, mental anguish, or emotional distress.

8. JOINT VENTURE & AGENCY

The relationship between the parties to this Agreement does not create a joint venture between the parties. The Agreement does not appoint any party as agent for the other party.

9. GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE

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If any court determines any provision in this Agreement is invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will nevertheless continue in full force and effect.

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1101 S. Main St.

Fort Worth, Texas 76104

DFW

Attn: PMMA AVP

Address: P.O. Box 619428

DFW Airport, TX 75261

Executed this 20th day of August, 2024.

DFW BOARD of _____

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TARRANT

By: [Signature]

Name: Ron Duncan

Title: Assistant VP - Procurement

By: _____

Tim O'Hare

County Judge

Date: August 20, 2024

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____

Name: _____

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Kimberly Colliet Wesley
Criminal District Attorney's Office*

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Tim O'Hare
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DFW Airport, TX 75261

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By: [Signature]

Name: Ron Duncan

Title: ASSISTANT VP-PROCUREMENT

By: _____

Tim O'Hare

County Judge

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Date: _____

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*By law, the Criminal District Attorney's Office may only approve contracts for its clients. We reviewed this document as to form from our client's legal perspective. Other parties may not rely on this approval. Instead those parties should seek contract review from independent counsel.