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Important Update: Texas Senate Bill 1008 – Alcohol Permitting Fee Changes

Effective September 1, 2025, Texas Senate Bill 1008 introduces new restrictions on how local governments assess fees for food and drink establishments. Under the updated law, specifically Section 437.01235 of the Texas Health and Safety Code:

“A county, municipality, or public health district, including an authorized agent, employee, or department, may not charge a fee under Section 11.38 or 61.36, Alcoholic Beverage Code, if the premises is a food service establishment, retail food store, mobile food unit, roadside food vendor, or temporary food service establishment that has already paid a fee to operate to the department or to any county, municipality, or public health district.”

What this means to you:

- If your establishment holds a permit to sell alcoholic beverages and falls under the classifications listed below, the city will no longer collect an additional local alcohol permit fee in connection with your TABC license.
- SB 1008 limits when a city, county or a public health district may charge a local license or permit fee under the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code. The bill clarifies that a county, city, or public health district may not charge the license or permit fee if the premises is a food service establishment, retail food store, mobile food unit, roadside food vendor, or temporary food service establishment that has already paid a fee to operate to DSHS or to any county, city, or public health district.
- If you do not fall into any of the classifications above, you will still receive an invoice for the ½ of the State regulated TABC fee allowed for your permit level billed to match your TABC permit timeframe.
- At renewal time, if you require a DSHS health/food service permit, no additional local alcohol permit fee will be collected from the City.

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What will Remain the Same:

Pursuant to Section 5.03.031 of the City's Code:

"No person shall manufacture, sell, distribute or store any alcoholic beverage, or engage in any other activity with relation to the same for which a permit is required by the state Alcoholic Beverage Code, within the city without first obtaining a license so to do from the city."

You will still be required to post your City Alcohol permit next to your state TABC permit.

Your City Alcohol Permit will continue to align with your TABC Alcoholic Beverage Permit expiration date.

If your business only serves alcohol and does not hold a health or food establishment permit, you will still be required to pay the alcohol permitting fee to the City of Humble.

What You Need to Know:

- No action is required on your part. The City will automatically discontinue collecting local alcohol permit fees for establishments where a health/food service permit fee would be provided by DSHS.
 - If you receive an invoice for alcohol permitting but believe your business is exempt under SB 1008, please contact us at AlcoholPermit@cityofhumble.net before making payment.
 - If you are unsure about your permitting status or whether your business qualifies for exemption, we are here to assist you.
 - This is a transitional period, and we appreciate your patience as these changes are implemented.
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Have questions?

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to email us at AlcoholPermit@cityofhumble.net.

We'll review your situation and ensure any necessary corrections are made.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us comply with these new regulations.

Sincerely,

/s/Maria Jackson, TRMC, CPM, MMC
City Secretary

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