

NOTICE!

Health and Safety, Food and Food Handling Ordinance Changes

What is this notification?

This is a notification to inform you that changes to the local Health and Safety Ordinance, Title 9.12.070 and 9.12.130 may affect your establishment and the need for a City permit

What are the changes?

As of July 2, 2014, the City of El Paso Department of Public Health-Food Inspection Program will no longer regulate the following:

- Businesses that only offer prepackaged non-potentially hazardous food items
- Food Handler Certificates will not be required for businesses that sell prepackaged food items or for those who work in processing plants, warehouses regulated by USDA or the Texas Department of State Health Services
- The square footage of the business will be based on the area where the food is prepared and sold, and not the entire building



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What is the purpose?

The purpose of the changes to Title 9.12 is to improve customer service to local businesses operating in El Paso by:

- No longer regulating the sale of prepackaged food items that are considered non-potentially hazardous (chips, bottled water, etc.)
- No longer requiring a food handler certificate for businesses or individuals who only sell prepackaged food items
- Considering only the area of a business used for food preparation and sales rather than calculating the square footage of the entire building



To read the entire City Ordinance Title 9.12 please visit:
www.EPHealth.com and click on the Ordinance Changes link

