



Department of Code Compliance  
Consumer Health Division

## Dog Variance Pre-Application Checklist

**Please check all that apply to your establishment at this time. All must be checked for variance to be accepted and issued. I understand that I am responsible for the enforcement of all conditions specified in Chapter 17 of the Dallas City Code, including:**

- 1. A dog on an outdoor patio may not be allowed within seven feet of any entrance to the interior of the food establishment, except when necessary to enter or exit the patio.
- 2. A sign must be posted at the front entrance of the food establishment and on the outdoor patio so that it is easily visible to the public. The sign must include the following criteria:
  - Sign must be no smaller than 9-1/2 inches long by 12 inches wide and be displayed in a landscape orientation.
  - Sign must be printed in English and Spanish with bolded lettering at least 36 point font in contrasting colors.
  - Sign must state: “DOG FRIENDLY PATIO – DOG ACCESS ONLY THROUGH OUTDOOR PATIO. FOR COMPLAINTS RELATED TO THE DOG FRIENDLY PATIO, CALL 311.”
  - "PATIO APTO PARA PERROS - ACCESO DE PERROS SOLAMENTE POR EL PATIO EXTERIOR, PARA REALIZAR DENUNCIAS RELACIONADAS CON EL PATIO APTO PARA PERROS, LLAME AT 311".
- 3. Doors equipped with self-closing devices must be provided at all entrances to the outdoor patio from the interior of the food establishment.
- 4. No food preparation, including mixing drinks or serving ice, may be performed in the outdoor patio area. (This includes table set ups, utensils, glasses, condiments on patio until customer sits).
- 5. While on duty, wait staff or other food handlers at the food establishment are not allowed to pet or have contact with any dog.
- 6. The outdoor patio must be continuously maintained free of visible dog hair, dog dander, and other dog-related waste or debris. The outdoor patio must be hosed down or mopped at each shift change or every six hours. Waste created from a dog's bodily functions must be cleaned up with animal friendly chemicals within five minutes of occurrence. A food establishment must maintain a log of the cleaning schedule of the dog friendly patio and make the log available to the inspector upon request.
- 7. A dog must be kept on a leash and remain in the control of the customer while in the outdoor patio area. The dog must be wearing a collar or harness with a current rabies tag and current registration tag.
- 8. A dog is not allowed on a seat, table, countertop, or similar surface in the outdoor patio area.
- 9. A dog is not allowed to have contact with any dishes or utensils used for food service or preparation at the food establishment.
- 10. A dog may not be given any food (including, but not limited to, dog kibbles, biscuits, and edible treats) while in the outdoor patio area, but may be given water in a disposable container.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_