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**CITY OF PORT LAVACA**

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**COUNCIL MEETING:** NOVEMBER 10, 2025

**AGENDA ITEM:**

**DATE:** 11.06.2025

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

**FROM:** DERRICK SMITH, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

**SUBJECT:** CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 34 – PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS, ITINERANT VENDORS, GARAGE SALES AND MOBILE FOOD UNITS TO ADD STREET VENDORS

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**Background:**

In our current ordinance, the permit for an itinerant vendor is good for only 14 days and is \$100 for the 1<sup>st</sup> person and \$20 for each additional person. An Itinerant Vendor includes a Mobile Food Unit and a Street Vendor. Several years ago, the ordinance was amended to provide a permit fee for specific to Mobile Food Units of \$100 good for one year, but the amendment was not written such that it included Street Vendors.

As such our permit fees for Street Vendors are significantly higher than other surrounding communities.

In order to address this and clean up the ordinance we propose to add specific regulations for Street Vendors in Chapter 34 under Article III and differentiate between the permit and fees required for itinerant and those required for transient vendors.

The amendments proposed are in line with the discussions during the recent City Council/ Planning Board Workshop.