
CITY OF PORT LAVACA

MEETING: OCTOBER 13, 2025

DATE: 10.08.2025

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: DERRICK SMITH, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: CONSIDER AMENDING CHAPTER 34 - PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS, ITINERANT VENDORS, GARAGE SALES AND MOBILE FOOD UNITS.

It was brought to our department's attention that we are a lot more stringent on "Street Vendors" than other surrounding communities. Our permitting process does not differentiate between a vendor operating a snow cone/ ice cream truck and a door-to-door salesman.

Currently, a street vendor pays \$100 for one person and \$20 each additional person for a 14 day permit.

After looking at surrounding communities, I found that our fees are more than double the cost to operate and that other communities provide an annual permit.

Therefore, It is staff's recommendation that amendments be made to Chapter 34 - Peddlers, Solicitors, Itinerant Vendors, Garage Sales and Mobile Food Units