



APPLICATION FOR A VARIANCE DOGS IN RESTAURANT PATIOS

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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1. Establishment Name: _____
 2. Address: _____
 3. Permit Number: _____
 4. Owner Name: _____
 5. Contact Name: _____
 6. Contact Phone No: _____ Contact Email: _____

Pursuant to Section 116.72 of the Carrollton Code of Ordinances, the above named food establishment applies to the Designated City Official (DCO) for a variance modifying or waiving the prohibition against dogs on the premises of a food establishment as set in Section 229.167(p)(15) of the TFER and in Section XVII, F of the 2012 Carrollton Food Policy Guide. The application must be submitted with a non-refundable pre-operational fee of \$150.00. An inspection will be conducted to determine compliance with the conditions of the requested variance.

If pursuant to Section 116.73, the DCO grants a variance to allow dogs to be present in the outdoor patio area of the food establishment, the food establishment shall comply with the following conditions to ensure that a health hazard or nuisance will not result from the modification or waiver:

- a. Except as allowed under Section XVII, F of the 2012 Carrollton Food Policy Guide, no dog may be present inside the food establishment or on any playground area of the food establishment;
- b. A separate entrance must be provided from the outside of the food establishment to the outdoor patio so that the dog will have direct access to the patio without entering the interior of the food establishment or any playground area of the food establishment;
- c. An approved sign shall be posted at the front entrance of the food establishment so that it is easily visible to the public. The sign must state: "DOG FRIENDLY PATIO - DOG ACCESS ONLY THRU OUTDOOR PATIO" in 4-inch letters.
- d. Doors at all entrances to the outdoor patio from the interior of the food establishment must be equipped with self-closing devices and kept closed when not in use.
- e. All table and chair surfaces in the outdoor patios shall be of non-porous and easily cleanable material.
- f. No food preparation, including mixing drinks or serving ice, may be conducted in the outdoor patio, except that a beverage glass may be filled from a pitcher or other container that has been filled, prepared and stored inside the food establishment.
- g. Hand sanitizer shall be made available to customers and employees in the "dog friendly" outdoor patio.
- h. 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 cleaned and sanitized at the beginning of each shift during which food or beverages will be served (breakfast, lunch, dinner, or late-hours). Cleaning under this subparagraph is not required if no dog has been present on the outdoor patio since the last cleaning.

i. Waste from a dog's bodily functions must be cleaned up and sanitized immediately after each occurrence. All dog waste must be disposed of outside of the food establishment in an appropriate waste receptacle. Equipment used to clean the outdoor patio must be kept outside of the food establishment.

j. While on duty, food establishment personnel may not pet or have contact with any dog.

k. A dog must be kept on a leash, or in a secure bag or container specifically designed to carry and provide continuous restraint of dogs while providing adequate ventilation, and remain under continuous physical control of the customer while in the outdoor patio area. The dog must be wearing a collar or harness with a current rabies tag attached to it.

l. A dog is not allowed on a seat, table, countertop, or similar surface in the outdoor patio area.

m. A dog is not allowed to have contact with any dishes or utensils used for food service or preparation at the food establishment.

n. A dog may not be given any food (including, but not limited to, dog kibble, biscuits, and edible treats) while in the outdoor patio area. A dog may be given water in a disposable container.

o. The food establishment shall report to the Carrollton Animal Services any incident of a human bite from a dog; or, any other incident in which two (2) or more dogs are involved in any type of altercation resulting in physical contact, regardless of whether any of the animals are injured.

p. A sign which reads in minimum two (2) inch letters: "To report any unsanitary or unsafe condition, call 972-466-3333" shall be prominently displayed to inform patrons in the outdoor patio area.

I hereby certify that the above named food establishment will comply with the above conditions and standards and any other conditions and standards that may be established by the health officer for the variance. I also understand that dogs are not allowed on the patio until this variance request is approved. If the variance request is approved and the permit holder/person-in-charge fails to comply with the standards and conditions established by the DCO, the DCO reserves the authority to revoke the variance.

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Applicant Name (PRINT)	Applicant Signature	Date

Below this line for Environmental Services use only

Date Received: _____ Received by: _____

Payment Received _____ Received by: _____

Inspection Conducted by: _____ Date: _____

Variance Granted Signature: _____ Date granted: _____

Variance Denied Signature: _____ Date denied: _____

Reason(s) for Denial:

