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TITLE: Consider and Provide Direction Regarding Allowing Dogs on Outdoor Patios of Food Establishments

COUNCIL GOAL: Safe and Secure Community

MEETING DATE: April 3, 2017

DEPARTMENT: Development Services / Code Compliance

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RECOMMENDED CITY COUNCIL ACTION:

- Provide direction regarding allowing dogs on outdoor patios of food establishments.

ITEM SUMMARY:

- Staff is seeking direction from the City Council regarding whether or not to adopt an ordinance allowing dogs on patios in food establishments after the approval of a variance.
- Staff has received feedback recently that variances allowing dogs on patios should be permitted in McKinney.
- A set of draft regulations establishing a variance process and associated regulations are attached for reference and discussion purposes.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- Currently, dogs on the premises of a food establishment are prohibited by the Texas Food Establishment Rules (TFER).
- Plano, Frisco, San Antonio, Dallas, Houston and Austin all provide for a variance process within which dogs would be allowed on outdoor patios of food establishments.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

- If the City Council feels regulations establishing a variance procedure should be created, Staff recommends a variance application fee of \$100 would be valid for two years from the date of the variance's issuance.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS:

[DRAFT Regulations](#)

[DRAFT Variance Application](#)

[McKinney Patio Locations](#)

[City of Frisco Ordinance](#)

[City of Dallas Ordinance](#)

[City of Plano Ordinance](#)