

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Fort Bend County supports Texas Senate Bill 541 with the following provisions to enhance food safety and consumer protection while fostering economic growth:

1. **Establish Clear Guidelines:** Develop clear definitions and guidelines for cottage food products, specifically on the food products that would be added to cottage food producers to prepare.
2. **Mandatory Training:** Require cottage food vendors to complete food safety training to ensure they understand safe food handling practices.
3. **Labeling Requirements:** Implement a more comprehensive labeling requirements that inform consumers about the product's ingredients, allergens, and specific hot and cold hold instructions.
4. **Inspection Protocols:** Allow local regulators to establish a framework for periodic inspections of cottage food vendors to ensure compliance with proper food safety standards.
5. **Consumer Education:** Promote public awareness campaigns about the risks associated with cottage foods and the importance of purchasing from regulated sources.
6. **Support for Producers:** Provide resources and support for cottage food producers to help them understand and comply with regulations while fostering entrepreneurship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court:

ENCOURAGES THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE TO CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO EVALUATE THE IMPACT OF THESE REGULATIONS ON THE COTTAGE FOOD INDUSTRY AND OVERALL PUBLIC HEALTH, AND TO ENSURE THAT BOTH CONSUMER SAFETY AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMALL PRODUCERS ARE BALANCED EFFECTIVELY.

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PASSED AND APPROVED, this the _____ day of _____, 2025.

KP George, County Judge

Vincent Morales, Commissioner Precinct 1 Grady Prestage, Commissioner Precinct 2

Andy Meyers, Commissioner Precinct 3 Dexter L. McCoy, Commissioner Precinct 4
Attest:

Laura Richard, County Clerk

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