



## Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Regulatory Services

**Date:** October 14, 2010

**To:** Council Member Elizabeth Glidden, Chair – Regulatory, Energy & Environment Committee

**Referral to:** Council Member Betsy Hodges, Chair – Ways & Means/Budget Committee

**Subject:** Request for authorization to enter into an Agreement with FDA District Office in Minneapolis to receive \$5,000.00 funding towards food safety and security training.

**Recommendation:** Authorize the proper city officials to enter in to an agreement with FDA office and receive \$5,000.00 towards food safety and security education and training.

The appropriation resolution be amended by increasing the appropriation for the Department of Regulatory Services in Federal Grant Fund 01300-8350200 by \$5,000.00 and increasing Revenue Source 01300-8350200-321000 by \$5,000.00

**Previous Directives:** None

### Department Information

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Approved by:

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Rocco Forté, Director of Emergency Preparedness & Regulatory Services

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Burt Osborne, Director of Director of Operations, Licensing & Environmental Services

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Lori Olson, Deputy Director of Environmental Management & Safety

Presenters in Committee: Curt Fernandez

## Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval \_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Civil Rights Approval Approval \_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval \_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Financial Impact

- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget or Operating Budget  
Dept Name: Regulatory Services  
Fund Name: 01300-8350200  
Amount: \$5,000.00
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase  
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## Community Impact

- City Goals
- Other

## Supporting Information

City of Minneapolis Environmental Health is proposing a partnership with FDA/Minneapolis District to sponsor a series of food safety/security training sessions for food managers and food workers and to test self-inspection program for Minneapolis restaurants. The City of Minneapolis does not have an existing partnership agreement with FDA. Based on local, state and national food protection priorities and objectives the areas to be addressed by the self audit project are:

- Food receiving and storage practices.
- Food temperatures
- Cross-contamination
- Training of retail food service & farmers market employees.
- Employee health and Hygiene
- ALERT training
- Limited English proficiency and multicultural services
- Improving customer service through technology

## Desired outcomes of the project:

The City will work with restaurants to incorporate self-auditing through consultation, training and educational materials and will coordinate 5 food safety/security training sessions in the community. This project will enhance the risk-based inspection, education, and enforcement process developed in partnership with the hospitality industry, regulators, and scientific/educational institutions working together to reduce environmental disease factors, and to establish meaningful performance measures.

## Target Measures:

- Reduce violations related to Inadequate Management Systems by 5%
- Reduce violations related To Improper Temperature Control by 5%
- Reduce Violations related to Food Handler Hygiene by 5%

This project will also improve the communication with industry and the public. Following are the time line: One class per month for a period of six months

## Training Sessions:

July 2010 – Cleaning and sanitation

August 2010 – Remodeling and plan review

September – Emergency Preparedness – FDA ALERT training

October 2010 – Food safety and security

November 2010 – Food safety for Holidays

**Community Engagement/LEP Plan:**

Minneapolis businesses need tools & training for emergency preparedness and food safety and security. Staff is working in collaboration with the University of Minnesota Extension Service to engage the community through the Self-Audit Program which encourages business operators to take responsibility and “be their own inspector” so that they can be in compliance when they receive regulatory inspections. This program is a model demonstrating the commitment of City government, educators and community organizations working together to find innovative solutions to strengthen our food safety and security systems. Engaging the community and our partners leverages resources and increases accountability and efficiency because common goals among partners become aligned.

Our bilingual staff works with multi-cultural and linguistically diverse operators and encourages them to assess, plan, implement, and evaluate solutions to food safety and security issues. Business operators and their employees have found educational discussions, demonstrations and activities surprising, informative and incredibly beneficial in helping them to keep the customers safe which is in line with FDA, USDA, CDC, MDA, MDH and City goal for reducing food borne illness.

FDA office has recently informed us that they will allocate \$5000.00 to City of Minneapolis Environmental Health in 2010. We are requesting that the appropriate officials be authorized so that city staff may proceed with the food safety and self audit training activities to minimize potential risks in our licensed facilities.

**Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:**

**That the above-entitled resolution, as amended, be further amended by:**

Increase appropriation for Regulatory Services Dept. in fund 01300 Department 8350200 by \$5,000.

Increase revenue estimate for Regulatory Services Dept. in fund 01300 Department