



Important Update: Texas Senate Bill 1008 – Alcohol Permitting Fee Changes

As of **September 1, 2025**, **Texas Senate Bill 1008** introduces new restrictions on how local governments assess fees to food and drink establishments. Under the updated law, specifically **Sec. 437.01235 of the Texas Health and Safety Code**,

"A county, municipality, or public health district, including an authorized agent, employee, or department, may not charge a fee under Section 11.38 or 61.36, Alcoholic Beverage Code, if the premises is a food service establishment, retail food store, mobile food unit, roadside food vendor, or temporary food service establishment that has already paid a fee to operate to the department or to any county, municipality, or public health district."

the City of New Braunfels will no longer charge alcohol permitting fees to the following establishments, if they meet one of these conditions:

- **Food Service Establishments** with a valid health permit from the City Health & Food Safety Division.
- Establishments that have already paid a fee to operate as a food service establishment to the **Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)** or any other local jurisdiction.

This means **alcohol permits will no longer be issued or renewed** for establishments exempt under SB 1008.

However, **if your business only serves alcohol and does not hold a health or food establishment permit**, you will still be required to pay the alcohol permitting fee to the City of New Braunfels.

What You Need to Know:

- If you receive an invoice for alcohol permitting but believe your business is **exempt under SB 1008**, please **contact us before making payment**.
- If you are **unsure** about your permitting status or whether your business is exempt, we are here to help.

This is a transitional period, and we appreciate your patience as we implement these changes. If you've received an incorrect invoice or have questions, please don't hesitate to call us at **(830) 221-4007**. We'll review your situation and ensure any necessary corrections are made.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us comply with these new regulations.