

City of San Antonio Code Chapter 13 Excerpt

- **Sec. 13-13. - Charitable feeding.**

- (a) No permit is required and no regulations apply to charitable feeding of four (4) individuals or fewer.
 - (b) Except as set out in subsection (d), no permit is required for giving away whole, uncut fresh fruits or vegetables or pre-packaged, non-potentially hazardous foods such as canned goods, granola bars, bottled water, non-refrigerated fruit drinks, bagged potato chips, popcorn, pre-packaged snack cakes and candy bars.
 - (c) If there is any handling of food, other than packaged food, any person engaged in charitable feeding activities to five (5) or more individuals in one instance shall comply with the following:
 - (1) Either a certified food handler or certified food manager must be present when food is prepared, or onsite while food is distributed if food will be prepared onsite. Food manager or food handler certification shall be in accordance with the requirements set out in article VI of this chapter, except that no city certification fees for food managers or food handlers shall be required; and
 - (2) The department shall be notified within twenty-four (24) hours after charitable feeding activities with the name of the person or organization providing the charitable feeding activities, and the location and date and time of feeding.
 - (d) Charitable feeding of five (5) or more individuals in one instance within the following designated parks may be conducted only by following the standard reservation process including the payment of all required reservation fees: River Walk, Travis Park, Main Plaza, Alamo Plaza, Milam Park, Madison Square Park and Hemisfair Park.
 - (e) Any person engaged in charitable feeding activities shall remove all undistributed food from the feeding site upon conclusion of the charitable feeding activities and dispose of all trash, debris, and waste water generated during feeding.
 - (f) The department shall post minimum safety requirements for safe food handling and preparation on the department's website as guidance for any charitable feeding activity. The director may condemn and forbid the distribution, or cause to be removed or destroyed, any food or drink which is unwholesome or deleterious according to the procedure outlined in this chapter.
 - (g) Charitable feeding activities may not be conducted on streets where a traffic hazard is created or in violation of other rules and regulations regarding public streets and the use of right-of-way.
 - (h) This section does not apply to a special event as set out within subsection [13-27\(f\)](#).
- (Ord. No. [2015-12-17-1066](#), § 2, 12-17-15)