

Frequently Asked Questions
Senate Bill 1008 – Alcohol Permit Fees
Effective September 1, 2025

1. What is changing under SB 1008?

Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code Fees

The bill limits when a city or a public health district may charge a local license or permit fee under the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code. The bill clarifies that a county, city, or public health district may not charge the license or permit fee 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 DSHS or to any county, city, or public health district.

As a result, the City of Deer Park will no longer invoice or accept payment for TABC City issued alcohol permits with the exception of establishments that are not listed above; such as, liquor stores and bonded warehouses.

2. Do I still have to pay State of Texas fees?

Yes. All **Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC)** fees are still required and must be paid as usual.

3. Will I pay any City alcohol permit fees at all?

- If your business does **not** require a DSHS health/food service permit, City alcohol permit fees will still apply (i.e., liquor stores or bonded warehouses).
- The \$15 certification fee for TABC alcohol applications is still applicable.

5. What about renewals?

At renewal time, if you require a DSHS health/food service permit, no additional local alcohol permit fee will be collected from the City.

6. When does this change take effect?

The change began on **September 1, 2025**, in accordance with SB 1008.

7. Do I still have to get my application for license from TABC certified through the City Secretary's office? If so, is there a fee? The answer to both questions is yes. TABC requires the City Secretary's office to certify the application and we charge a fee of \$15 for that service.

8. My renewal occurred before September 1, 2025 will I get a refund back?

No. All permits that were provided prior to September 1, 2025, are still valid for the time period listed. At renewal time, the entity will not get invoiced for a new time period if they are one of the establishments listed in question #1.

7. Who can I contact with questions?

Please reach out to the **City Secretary's Office** at 281-479-2394 or jrackley@deerparktx.org or amsmith@deerparktx.org.