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City of Dallas to Recognize 111 Food Establishments for their Performance

The City of Dallas strives to ensure that food provided to the consumer is safe and does not become a vehicle in a disease outbreak or in the transmission of communicable disease. We ensure that consumer expectations are met and that food is unadulterated, prepared in a clean environment, and honestly presented. 111 Dallas food establishments consistently received high marks in this area. These businesses will be recognized by Pauline Medrano, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem who will read a proclamation in honor of these Dallas businesses. The award ceremony will be held on Friday March 5, 2010 in the Flag Room at City Hall.

The City of Dallas food code is science based and also provides guidance on food safety, sanitation and mitigating risk factors known to cause food borne illness. Noncompliance is identified and corrected. The code embraces the concept that our quality of life, state of health, and the public welfare are directly affected by how we collectively provide and protect our food.

Food borne salmonellosis, only 1 of many food borne infections, has been the cause of medical costs and lost wages of more than \$1 billion a year according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The City of Dallas Restaurant and Bar Inspection of Code Compliance inspect approximately 18,740 businesses in the Dallas area each year to insure they comply with the City of Dallas food code.