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MEMORANDUM

To: Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court

From: T.J. Arredondo, Planning Supervisor 

Date: March 14, 2014

Via: Agenda Item for Commissioners' Court Meeting on March 25, 2014

Re: Proposed Order for the Regulation of Roadside Vendors as authorized by Transportation Code Section 285.001

C: Raul E. Sesin, P.E., C.F.M., Planning Administrator
Savannah Gonzalez, Assistant Criminal District Attorney
Richard Sanchez, Chief of Staff for State Representative Sergio Munoz Jr.

Attached, please find the proposed order for the above mentioned. This is the final draft that has been prepared for your consideration with the assistance of Ms. Savannah Gonzalez of the DA's office.

This item comes in response to concerns by citizens, county staff and law enforcement officials with regard to traffic safety issues along county roads and road right-of way. It was the intent of HB 2094, Authored by State Representative Sergio Munoz Jr., to allow Hidalgo County to regulate roadside vendors along roads with speed limits of 40mph or faster in order to alleviate those concerns.

Upon approval, the Planning Department will begin documenting violations and reporting to law enforcement officials as needed, focusing particularly on the more egregious and/or repeat violations. Law enforcement officials may issue citations under the statute. The penalty for an offense under this law is a Class C Misdemeanor.

It is our recommendation to approve adoption of the order as presented.

You may contact me at (956) 318-2840 with any questions or via e-mail at tj.arredondo@hchd.org. Thank you.

*** END OF MEMORANDUM ***