



Environmental Health Services

Proposed Changes To Permit Types, Fee Schedule, and Sanitary Code

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Changes to Permit Types

Move towards FDA's "Risk Based" approach to food permitting and inspecting for fixed facilities and mobile food units.

This approach makes it simple to determine which type of permit to issue based on a pre-defined risk category.

This approach incentivizes food establishments to reduce risk by giving them an opportunity to change their permit type/fees through a history of compliance.



Changes to Permit Types (Cont.)

Currently EH has 24 food permit types for fixed facilities and mobile food units.

Proposed change would reduce that number to 8.

Temporary food permits would also change from Food Vendor I, II, III one-time or annual to only one-time or annual.

Non-Profit charitable organizations with a current 501(c)(3) would have their own food permits that are exempt from fees.

A new permit/fee would be created for state mandated annual school campus safety inspections.



Changes to Fee Schedule

- 5 annual permit types for fixed food facilities ranging from \$0-\$300.
- 3 annual permit types for mobile food units ranging from \$0-\$150.
- 4 permit types for temporary food, either \$0 or \$50 for a one time, \$0 or \$100 for an annual.
- Hotels/Motels/B&B's either \$100 or \$150 annually based on number of rooms (may also require food and/or pool permit).



Changes to Fee Schedule (Cont.)

- Mobile home/RV parks either \$100 or \$150 annually based on number of spaces (may also require pool and/or food permit).
- Pools/spas \$100 for first unit, \$25 each additional unit (on separate plumbing/filtration systems) annually.
- School facility safety inspections \$100 annually.
- Children's camps \$100 annually.
- Septic pumper trucks \$100 for the first truck, \$25 each additional truck annually.



Changes to Fee Schedule (Cont.)

Charges for delinquent renewal fees have been reduced to \$50 plus the regular fee. After 2 months delinquent an establishment will be considered operating without a valid permit and subject to a \$200 fee.



Changes to Sanitary Code

All food establishments will be required to post their most recent inspection in a conspicuous place, near the main entrance, not obstructed from public view.



Benefits of Proposed Changes

- A more modern approach to food safety utilizing FDA's risk based guidelines.
- Incentive for food establishments to reduce risk by giving them an opportunity to change their permit type/fees.
- Allowing establishments with multiple food permits to consolidate into one permit.
- Exempt fees for non-profit charitable organizations.
- Overall reduction in the number of permit types and fees, making it easier to understand.



Outreach to Current Establishments

A letter was mailed out to all permitted establishments explaining the proposed changes and asking for feedback.

Most responses were in full support.

Some who responded with opposition were under the wrong impression of how the changes would impact them. Once explained how the changes would work, most of those changed from opposing to supporting the effort.