

Pursuant to A.R.S. 11-251.13, the general public is hereby notified that a public hearing will be held on January 25, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. at the Cochise County Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, AZ 85603, to consider the implementation of a fee change to the Environmental Health Fee Schedule.

The Food Establishment, Septic and Other Environmental Fees have not been raised since 2014 & 2012. An analysis of the current fees showed the cost of providing the services were greater than most of the current fees. This proposed fee increase captures a small portion (20%) of the unmet cost of providing the services to our community.



Cochise Health and  
Social Services

## **PROPOSED**

### **Food Establishment Fees**

Cochise Health & Social Services Environmental Health Division follows the FDA Food Code definitions to determine risk category. Below are the definitions. The sanitarian determines the risk category at the time of the inspection.

#### **Definitions:**

**Risk 1** – Examples include most convenience store operations, hot dog carts, and coffee shops. Establishments that serve or sell only pre-packaged, non-time/temperature control for safety (TCS) foods. Establishments that prepare only non-TCS foods. Establishments that heat only commercially processed, TCS foods for hot holding. No cooling of TCS foods. Establishments that would otherwise be grouped in Category 2 but have shown through historical documentation to have achieved active managerial control of Foodborne illness risk factors.

**Risk 2** – Examples may include retail food store operations, schools not serving a highly susceptible population, and quick service operations. Limited menu. Most products are prepared/cooked and served immediately. May involve hot and cold holding of TCS foods after preparation or cooking. Complex preparation of TCS foods requiring cooking, cooling, and reheating for hot holding is limited to only a few TCS foods. Establishments that would otherwise be grouped in Category 3 but have shown through historical documentation to have achieved active managerial control of foodborne illness risk factors. Newly permitted establishments that would otherwise be grouped in Category 1 until history of active managerial control of foodborne illness risk factors have been achieved and documented.

**Risk 3** – An example is a full-service restaurant. Extensive menu and handling of raw ingredients. Complex preparation including cooking, cooling, and reheating for hot holding involves many TCS foods. Variety of processes require hot and cold holding of TCS food. Establishments that would otherwise be grouped in Category 4 but have shown through historical documentation to have achieved active managerial control of foodborne illness risk factors. Newly permitted establishments that would otherwise be grouped in Category 2 until history of active managerial control of foodborne illness risk factors is achieved and documented.

**Risk 4** - Examples include preschools, hospitals, nursing homes, and establishments conducting processing at retail. Includes establishments serving a highly susceptible population or that conduct specialized processes, e.g., smoking and curing; reduced oxygen packaging for extended shelf-life.

The fees for Non-Profit Food Establishments, non-profit temporary vendors and non-profit mobile food units are 50 to 55% of the fees charged to similar for-profit entities. Proof of 501c3 status is required.

<b>2021 Summary of Proposed Fees Cochise County Environmental Health</b>	<b>2021/2022 Fee</b>
<b>For Profit Food Establishments</b>	
Risk 1	\$ 150.00
Risk 2	\$ 230.00
Risk 3	\$ 320.00
Risk 4	\$ 420.00
<b>For Profit Temporary Vendors</b>	
Risk 1-One time	\$ 50.00
Risk 2-One time	\$ 70.00
Risk 3-One time	\$ 120.00
Annual Risk 1	\$ 180.00
Annual Risk 2	\$ 220.00
Annual Risk 3	\$ 290.00
<b>For Profit Mobile Food Units</b>	
Risk 1	\$ 130.00
Risk 2	\$ 250.00
Risk 3	\$ 320.00

<b>2021 Summary of Proposed Fees Cochise County Environmental Health</b>	<b>2021/2022 Fee</b>
<b>Non-Profits Food Establishments</b>	
Risk 1	\$ 75.00
Risk 2	\$ 120.00
Risk 3	\$ 160.00
Risk 4	\$ 210.00
<b>Non-Profit Temporary Vendors</b>	
Non-Profit Risk 1-One time	\$ 20.00
Non-profit Risk 2-One time	\$ 30.00
Non-profit Risk 3-One time	\$ 60.00
Non-Profit Annual Risk 1	\$ 90.00
Non-Profit Annual Risk 2	\$ 110.00
Non-Profit Annual Risk 3	\$ 150.00
<b>Non-Profit Mobile Food Units</b>	
Non-Profit Risk 1	\$ 60.00
Non-Profit Risk 2	\$ 120.00
Non-Profit Risk 3	\$ 160.00

### Septic, Wells, Pumper Trucks, and Other Miscellaneous Fees

<b>Septic and Wells</b>	
Septic Tank/Conventional Disposal, < 3,000 GPD	\$ 300.00
Repair existing or failed system	\$ 150.00
Composting Toilet, < 3,000 GPD	\$ 210.00
Sewage Vault, < 3,000 GPD	\$ 300.00
Well site endorsement	\$ 160.00
Septic Transfer	\$ 50.00

<b>2021 Summary of Proposed Fees Cochise County Environmental Health</b>	<b>2021/2022 Fee</b>
<b>Septic Pumper Trucks</b>	
First Pumper Truck	\$ 100.00
Each additional truck	\$ 20.00
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
Operating without a valid permit*	\$ 200.00
Delinquent Fee (in addition to all applicable standard fees) *After 2 months delinquent establishments will be considered operating without a valid permit and subject to \$200 fee as indicated above*	\$ 50.00
Duplicate Permit	\$ 10.00
Photo Copies (per page)	\$ 0.25
Secretary Research (per hour)	\$ 20.00
<b>Administrative Review</b> (risk control plan, advisory plan, etc.)	\$ 80.00
Food Service Advisory Inspection (per inspection request)	\$ 80.00
One-time Admin fee added to cover review cost on temporary annual permits	\$ 50.00
<b>Non-Profits 50% reduction of Risk permit fee</b>	\$ 40.00
Event Coordinator Fee	\$ 60.00
Additional re-inspection Fee	\$ 75.00
Certified Food Protection Managerial training and test cost for materials/exam/instructional time (8hrs)	\$ 100.00
Food handlers training and test Instructional time/exam	\$ 25.00