

PUBLIC NOTICE



Cochise Health and
Social Services

Pursuant to A.R.S. 11-251.13, the general public is hereby notified that the Cochise County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on January 4, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. 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.

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.

2021 Summary of Proposed Fees Cochise County Environmental Health	2021/2022 Fee	2021 Summary of Proposed Fees Cochise County Environmental Health	2021/2022 Fee	2021 Summary of Proposed Fees Cochise County Environmental Health	2021/2022 Fee
For Profit Food Establishments		Non-Profits Food Establishments		Septic Pumper Trucks	
Risk 1	\$ 150.00	Risk 1	\$ 75.00	First Pumper Truck	\$ 100.00
Risk 2	\$ 230.00	Risk 2	\$ 120.00	Each additional truck	\$ 20.00
Risk 3	\$ 320.00	Risk 3	\$ 160.00	Miscellaneous	
Risk 4	\$ 420.00	Risk 4	\$ 210.00	Operating without a valid permit*	\$ 200.00
For Profit Temporary Vendors		Non-Profit Temporary Vendors		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
Risk 1-One time	\$ 50.00	Non-Profit Risk 1-One time	\$ 20.00	Duplicate Permit	\$ 10.00
Risk 2-One time	\$ 70.00	Non-profit Risk 2-One time	\$ 30.00	Photo Copies (per page)	\$ 0.25
Risk 3-One time	\$ 120.00	Non-profit Risk 3-One time	\$ 60.00	Secretary Research (per hour)	\$ 20.00
Annual Risk 1	\$ 180.00	Non-Profit Annual Risk 1	\$ 90.00	Administrative Review (risk control plan, advisory plan, etc.)	\$ 80.00
Annual Risk 2	\$ 220.00	Non-Profit Annual Risk 2	\$ 110.00	Food Service Advisory Inspection (per inspection request)	\$ 80.00
Annual Risk 3	\$ 290.00	Non-Profit Annual Risk 3	\$ 150.00	One-time Admin fee added to cover review cost on temporary annual permits	\$ 50.00
For Profit Mobile Food Units		Non-Profit Mobile Food Units		Non-Profits 50% reduction of Risk permit fee	\$ 40.00
Risk 1	\$ 130.00	Non-Profit Risk 1	\$ 60.00	Event Coordinator Fee	\$ 60.00
Risk 2	\$ 250.00	Non-Profit Risk 2	\$ 120.00	Additional re-inspection Fee	\$ 75.00
Risk 3	\$ 320.00	Non-Profit Risk 3	\$ 160.00	Certified Food Protection Managerial training and test cost for materials/exam/instructional time (8hrs)	\$ 100.00
Septic, Wells, Pumper Trucks, and Other Miscellaneous Fees					
Septic and Wells					
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				
Food handlers training and test Instructional time/exam \$ 25.00					

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