

City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 06/24/25 M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 25-0623

LOG NAME: 22ENV FY25 HEALTH PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE CHANGE SB 1008

SUBJECT

(ALL) Adopt Ordinance Amending the Fee Schedule for Consumer Health Permits for the Environmental Services Department

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt the attached ordinance amending the fee schedule for Annual Health Permit Fees for Fixed Food Establishment, Mobile, Push Cart and Ice Cream Push Cart; and Temporary Health Permits - Food & Beverage, Permit Reissuance Fee, Pre-Permit Request for Services Fee, Change of Ownership Fee and Re-inspection Fee amending the fee schedule to eliminate Temporary Health Permit - Food & Beverage additional days, Temporary Health Permit - Special Event Invitation Only, Health Permit (Seasonal) and Temporary Permit Late Fee.
2. Adopt the attached ordinance amending the fee schedule for Annual Health Permit Fee for Hotel/Motel and Swimming Pool/Spa/Splash Pad, Plan Reviews and Pool Operator Course and amending the fee schedule to eliminate Food Manager - Certificate.

DISCUSSION:

The Environmental Services Department (Environmental Services) provides consumer health and safety protection services in Fort Worth. Environmental Services issues annual health permits, conducts routine health inspections, and investigates complaints. Environmental Services issues permits to restaurants, grocery stores, other food establishments, swimming pools and spas, childcare centers, and hotels and motels.

The 89th Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 1008 (SB 1008), which limits annual health permit fees that a local health authority may charge for any annual health permit and prohibits multiple, related permits, such as additional local licensing for the sale of alcoholic beverages. On May 19, 2025, Texas Governor Greg Abbott signed SB 1008 into law. SB 1008 will become effective on September 1, 2025.

In order to comply with SB 1008, Environmental Services is requesting that the fee schedule be amended as follows:

Fee Charged by the City of Fort Worth	Proposed Rate
Fixed Food Establishment ≤ \$49,999.99	\$258.00
Fixed Food Establishment \$50,000.00 - \$149,999.99	\$515.00
Fixed Food Establishment ≥ \$150,000.00	\$773.00
Annual Health Permit Fee - Mobile	\$258.00
Annual Health Permit Fee - Push Cart	\$258.00
Annual Health Permit Fee - Ice Cream Push Cart	\$258.00
Temporary Health Permit - Food & Beverage	\$52.00
Temporary Health Permit - Food & Beverage additional days	Eliminated
Temporary Health Permit - Special Event Invitation Only	Eliminated
Health Permit (Seasonal)	Eliminated
Permit Reissuance Fee	\$100.00
Pre-Permit Request for Services Fee	\$150.00
Change of Ownership Fee	\$200.00
Temporary Permit Late Fee	Eliminated
Re-inspection Fee	\$200.00

The revised fee schedule required by SB 1008 will be posted on the City of Fort Worth website at www.fortworthtexas.gov/health and emailed to current permit holders who have provided their email addresses to Environmental Services. As required by state law, Environmental Services will submit the revised fee schedule to the Texas Department of State Health Services sixty (60) days before SB 1008's September 1, 2025 effective date.

Environmental Services recommends the City Council also revise the fees to account for the cost of services provided. Note the Annual Health Permit fees for hotels/motels have been separated into a Full Service Hotel/Motel permit and a Limited Service Hotel/Motel permit. The proposed

rate increases, are the first of two recommendations to align all annual health permits in FY27. These fees and others are outlined in the table below:

Fee Charged by the City of Fort Worth	Proposed Rate
Annual Health Permit Fee - Full Service Hotel/Motel	\$773.00
Annual Health Permit Fee - Limited Service Hotel/Motel	\$580.00
Annual Health Permit Fee - Swimming Pool/Spa/Splash Pad	\$580.00 + \$5.00/Employee Fee
Plan Review Fee: Fixed Facility: Food and Childcare Facility: 0 - 150 Sq. Ft.	\$165.00
Plan Review Fee: Fixed Facility: Food and Childcare Facility: 151 - 1,000 Sq. Ft.	\$250.00
Plan Review Fee: Fixed Facility: Food and Childcare Facility: 1,001 - 4,000 Sq. Ft.	\$300.00
Plan Review Fee: Fixed Facility: Food and Childcare Facility: 4,001 - 8,000 Sq. Ft.	\$350.00
Plan Review Fee: Fixed Facility: Food and Childcare Facility: 8,001 - 20,000 Sq. Ft.	\$425.00
Plan Review Fee: Fixed Facility: Food and Childcare Facility: Over 20,001 Sq. Ft.	\$500.00
Plan Review Fee: Hotel/Motel	\$200.00
Plan Review Fee: Swimming Pool/Spa/Splash Pad	\$250.00
Mobile Vendor Unit Plan Review	\$165.00
Food Manager - Certificate	Eliminated
Pool Operator Course	\$100.00

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendation and adoption of the attached ordinances, funds will be deposited in the General Fund. The Environmental Services Department (and Financial Management Services) is responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City.

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