COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

COURT ORDER NUMBER 145742

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DATE: 8/19/2025

SUBJECT: **CONSIDERATION OF REVISIONS TO THE TARRANT COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FEE SCHEDULE**

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve revisions to the Tarrant County Public Health Environmental Health (EH) Fee Schedule.

BACKGROUND

The Tarrant County Public Health Department (TCPH) Environmental Health division provides regulatory inspections of food establishments and public/semi-public swimming pools in unincorporated areas of the county, as well as in 30 contracted cities (including Dallas Fort Worth International Airport). These inspections cover businesses and vendors that offer food for public consumption or operate public/semi-public swimming pools.

On August 1, 2023, through Court Order #141339, the Commissioners Court adopted a revised County Order regulating food establishments, which included an updated fee schedule.

During the 89th Legislative Session, the State of Texas enacted Senate Bill 1008, revising Texas Health & Safety Code Chapter 437. The revisions require all food establishment fees to align with the Texas Department of State Health Services (TX DSHS) food establishment fee schedule. The legislation also permits counties to set a higher fee, provided it does not exceed 120% of the TX DSHS schedule.

In line with this authority, TCPH EH proposes adding a late fee for permitted public/semi-public swimming pools in addition to the updated food establishment fees.

If approved, the attached revised TCPH EH fee schedule will take effect September 1, 2025.

This item has been approved as to form by the District Attorney's Office.

FISCAL IMPACT

All revenue will be placed in the 22300 Consumer Health Fund.

SUBMITTED BY	Public Health	PREPARED BY:	Amanda Campbell
		APPROVED BY:	Dr. Brian Byrd

Public Health Environmental Health Fee Schedule

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES	PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE
CONSUMER HEALTH	**Special Fund: F223**
Annual Public Pool & Spa permit fee	$ 315.00
Pool Plan Review & Opening Inspection	$ 200.00
Pool Late Fee	$100.00
ISD Requested Cafeteria inspection (1 inspection per semester both fall & spring)	$ 150.00
Non-profit (application for inspection beyond one yearly inspection)	$ 100.00
Requested Child Care Kitchen Inspection	$ 100.00
Food Establishment Fees Based on Gross Annual Food Sales	
ISD School Cafeteria operated by for profit private contractor	$ 258.00
$0 – $49,999.99	$ 258.00
$50,000 – $149,999.99	$ 515.00
$150,000 or more	$ 700.00
Adjunct Requested additional permit same location	$ 258.00
Amendment Fee: Food Permit Gross Annual Volume of Food Sales	
$0 – $49,999.99	$ 125.00
$50,000 – $149,999.99	$ 250.00
$150,000 or more	$ 375.00
Requested additional permit same location	$ 125.00
Food Service Permit: Mobile Unit (preparation of food)	$ 258.00
Food Service Permit: Mobile Unit (prepackaged)	$ 150.00
Amendment Fee: Mobile Food Unit Permit	$ 75.00
Farmers Market	$ 100.00
Temporary Food Establishment 1-5 Days	$ 35.00
Temporary Food Establishment 6-14 Days	$ 60.00
Food Establishment and Mobile Late Fee	$ 100.00
Required Reinspection (Food Establishment only)	$ 200.00
MISCELLANEOUS - CONSUMER/ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	
Duplicate Permits	$ 15.00

Tarrant County Public Health Environmental Health Fee Schedule Changes

Dr. Brian Byrd, TCPH Director/LHA

Public Health

August 19, 2025

Fixed Establishment Fee Schedule Changes

Current Fee Schedule

CONSUMER HEALTH	Special Fund: F223
Food Service Permit: less than 500 sq. ft.	$ 400.00
Food Service Permit: >500 =<less than 1500 sq. ft.	$ 500.00
Food Service Permit: >1500 =<less than 3000 sq. ft.	$ 600.00
Food Service Permit: >3000=<less than 6000 sq. ft.	$ 700.00
Food Service Permit: >6000 sq. ft. or above	$ 800.00
Food Service Permit: Adjunct Food Service	$ 500.00
Food Service Permit: Adjunct Food Store - <less than 5000 sq. ft.	$ 500.00
Food Service Permit: Adjunct Food Store - >5000 sq. ft. or above	$ 600.00
Food Service Permit: Catering Operation	$ 700.00
Food Service Permit: Food Court	$ 600.00
Farmers Market	$ 100.00
Food Store: <less than 5000 sq. ft.	$ 600.00
Food Store: >5000 sq. ft. or above	$ 800.00
Food Late Fee: 1-30 days	10% of fee
Food Late Fee: 31-60 days	20% of fee
Food Late Fee: 61-90 days	30% of fee
Plan Review: >1500 sq. ft. or above	$ 200.00
Plan Review: <1500 sq. ft. or below	$ 100.00
Temporary Food Establishment 1-5 Days	$ 35.00
Temporary Food Establishment 6-14 Days	$ 70.00
Required/Requested Reinspection	$ 75.00
MISCELLANEOUS - CONSUMER/ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	
Duplicate Permits	$ 15.00

TX DSHS Fee Schedule

Gross Annual Volume of Food Sales	Permitting Fee
$0 – $49,999.99	$258
Amendment fee	$125
$50,000 – $149,999.99	$515
Amendment fee	$250
$150,000 or more	$773
Amendment fee	$375
Late Fee	$100
Temporary Single event	$52
Temporary Multiple event	$200
Farmers Market Annual	$100

Note: Farmers Market fee set with SB 617 (2021)

Proposed Fee Schedule

CONSUMER HEALTH	Special Fund: F223
Food Establishment Fees Based on Gross Annual Food Sales	
ISD School Cafeteria operated by for profit private contractor	$ 258.00
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MOBILE FOOD UNIT FEE SCHEDULE CHANGES

Current Fee Schedule

CONSUMER HEALTH	Special Fund: F223
Food Service Permit: Mobile Unit (prepackaged)	$ 400.00
Food Service Permit: Mobile Unit (preparation of food)	$ 600.00
Food Service Permit: Mobile Unit (push cart)	$ 600.00
Food Late Fee: 1-30 days	10% of fee
Food Late Fee: 31-60 days	20% of fee
Food Late Fee: 61-90 days	30% of fee

TX DSHS Fee Schedule

Mobile	$258
Amendment fee	$125
Roadside Vendor	$258
Amendment fee	$125
Late Fee	$100

Proposed Fee Schedule

CONSUMER HEALTH	Special Fund: F223
Food Service Permit: Mobile Unit (preparation of food)	$ 258
Food Service Permit: Mobile Unit (prepackaged)	$ 150
Amendment Fee: Mobile Food Unit Permit	$ 75
Food Establishment and Mobile Late Fee	$ 100

Note: Mobile Food Unit permitting and inspection jurisdiction to move to TX DSHS effective 06/2026 per HB 2844

ISD FEE SCHEDULE CHANGES

Current Fee Schedule

CONSUMER HEALTH	Special Fund: F223
Contractual Inspections - School Districts (avg $150 per site visit)**	$ 150.00
Food Late Fee: 1-30 days	10% of fee
Food Late Fee: 31-60 days	20% of fee
Food Late Fee: 61-90 days	30% of fee
Duplicate Permits	$ 15.00

TX DSHS Fee Schedule

School (For profit/contractor)	$258
Amendment fee	$125
ISD School (application for inspection; fee is for each inspection for $150)	$300

Proposed Fee Schedule

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NON-PROFIT FEE SCHEDULE CHANGES

Current Fee Schedule

Fee Exempt and Establishment
Receives on average two inspections per year

TX DSHS Fee Schedule

	Permitting Fee
Non-profit (application for inspection)	$150

Proposed Fee Schedule

CONSUMER HEALTH	Special Fund: F223
Non-profit (application for inspection beyond one yearly inspection)	$ 100.00

CHILD CARE CENTERS FEE SCHEDULE CHANGES

Current Fee Schedule

CONSUMER HEALTH	Special Fund: F223
Food Service Permit: Child Care Facility	$ 500.00
Food Late Fee: 1-30 days	10% of fee
Food Late Fee: 31-60 days	20% of fee
Food Late Fee: 61-90 days	30% of fee
Duplicate Permits	$ 15.00

TX DSHS Fee Schedule

As of April 1, 2010, Texas Department of State Health Services is no longer licensing daycare facilities as food establishments. For further information please call 512-834-6727. ***Be advised that DSHS does not inspect food service at daycare or live-in child-care facilities.***

Proposed Fee Schedule

CONSUMER HEALTH	Special Fund: F223
Non-profit (application for inspection beyond one yearly inspection)	$ 100.00
Requested Child Care Kitchen Inspection	$ 100.00

Proposed New TCPH EH Consumer Health Fee Schedule

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Note: Pool fees included; requesting adding pool late fee

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