

Environmental Health Services Fees

Effective October 1, 2025

Consumer Health - Retail Food Establishments - Permitting and Inspections

Service/Item	Current Fee	Description	Fee Basis
Food Permit	\$773	Gross annual volume of food sales \$150,000 or more	In compliance with senate bill 1008, which limits permit fees for all regulated food establishments on an annual basis to no more than what would be charged by DSHS for a similar permit on a biennial basis.
Food Permit	\$515	Gross annual volume of food sales \$50,000-\$149,999.99	In compliance with senate bill 1008, which limits permit fees for all regulated food establishments on an annual basis to no more than what would be charged by DSHS for a similar permit on a biennial basis.
Food Permit	\$258	Gross annual Volume of food sales \$0-49,999.99	In compliance with senate bill 1008, which limits permit fees for all regulated food establishments on an annual basis to no more than what would be charged by DSHS for a similar permit on a biennial basis.
Temporary Food Permit-Single Event	\$52	A temporary food establishment is a food establishment that operates for a period of no more than 14 consecutive days in conjunction with a single event of celebration.	In compliance with senate bill 1008, which limits permit fees for all regulated food establishments on an annual basis to no more than what would be charged by DSHS for a similar permit on a biennial basis.
Temporary Food Permit – Multiple Events	\$200	The multiple event permit is valid for one individual food booth or unit at multiple events for 1 year from the initial effective date, provided that each event does not exceed 14 consecutive days.	In compliance with senate bill 1008, which limits permit fees for all regulated food establishments on an annual basis to no more than what would be charged by DSHS for a similar permit on a biennial basis.

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Service/Item	Current Fee	Description	Fee Basis
Food Service Establishment Plan Review and Construction Fee	\$250.00	Fee to review acceptability of proposed food establishment plans and conduct the pre-opening inspection.	Chapter 437 of the Health and Safety Code allows Health Districts to review planning materials for food establishments. Administrative fee to cover cost of review and the pre-opening inspection.
TCS (Time/ Temperature Controlled for Safety) Farmer/Producer Food Vendors at a Farmer's Market (Annual Food Permit valid at all Farmer's Market in Galveston County)	\$100.00	Fee assessed that allows vendors of farm products to operate at a Farmer's Market.	In compliance with senate bill No. 932, Chapter 437.0065, Health and Safety Code is added, allowing a fee of no more than \$100.00 to sell food by a farmer/producer at any farmer's market in a single jurisdiction.
Group Day Home Inspection	\$75.00	Inspection provided to assist group day home operators in their compliance with group day home regulations.	General sanitation inspection provided as a service. We are not required by any regulation to provide this service.
Food Service Late Fee	\$50.00 if not paid by due date \$100.00 if not paid within 30 days after due date	Administrative late fee assessed for all food permits not paid by the due date.	Fee approved by Board of Health.
School Food Establishment	\$258	For profit contractor	In compliance with senate bill 1008, which limits permit fees for all regulated food establishments on an annual basis to no more than what would be charged by DSHS for a similar permit on a biennial basis.
Re-Inspection Fee	\$100	Re-inspection fee	Fee approved by Board of Health
Amendment Fee	\$125	Fee assessed to amend an existing permit (Change of Ownership, Name Change)	Fee approved by Board of Health.

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Consumer Health - On-Site Sewage Facilities (OSSFs) - Permitting, Inspections, and Maintenance Agreements

Service/Item	Current Fee	Description	Fee Basis
Residential Septic	\$310.00	Permit fee for residential OSSF. Includes the state septic system charge of \$10.00.	Fee allowed under Ch. 366 Health and Safety Code.
Commercial Septic	\$510.00	Permit fee for residential OSSF. Includes the state septic system charge of \$10.00.	Fee allowed under Ch. 366 Health and Safety Code.
Maintenance Agreement fee for aerobic On-Site Sewage Facilities (OSSF) (One Time Fee)	\$125.00	Additional fee to follow perpetual maintenance contracts for aerobic OSSFs.	Fee allowed under Ch. 366 Health and Safety Code.
Septic Re-inspection - Residential	\$150.00	Re-inspection fee for OSSF due to failed construction inspection. Charge is ½ of original permit fee.	Fee allowed under Ch. 366 Health and Safety Code.
Septic Re-inspection - Commercial	\$250.00	Re-inspection fee for OSSF due to failed construction inspection. Charge is ½ of original permit fee.	Fee allowed under Ch. 366 Health and Safety Code.
Septic Subdivision Review (5 lots/tracts or less)	\$20.00 per lot/tract	Fee to review subdivision plans as required by regulations.	Fee allowed under Ch. 366 Health and Safety Code.
Septic Subdivision Review (6 lots/tracts or more)	\$100.00 + \$5.00 per lot/tract	Fee to review subdivision plans as required by regulations.	Fee allowed under Ch. 366 Health and Safety Code.
Ground Water Review	\$100.00	Charge to review presence of groundwater in Bolivar/Galveston area.	Fee allowed under Ch. 366 Health and Safety Code.
Variance Request	\$150.00	Fee to review variance requests as required by regulations.	Fee allowed under Ch. 366 Health and Safety Code.

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Consumer Health - Public and Semi-Public Pools, Spas, and Interactive Water Features

Service/Item	Current Fee	Description	Fee Basis
Pool Permit, Spa and Interactive Water Features	\$135.00	Swimming pool permit fee.	Cost of a swimming pool permit under the Galveston County Rules on Swimming Pool Sanitation. Allowed under Ch.341.064 Health and Safety Code.
Pool Permit Late Fee	\$50.00 if not paid by due date. \$100.00 if not paid within 30 days after due date	Administrative late fee assessed for all pool permits not paid by the due date.	Fee approved by Board of Health.

Consumer Health - Miscellaneous Fees

Service/Item	Current Fee	Description	Fee Basis
Sexually Oriented Business (SOB) Permit	\$1,000.00	Sexually oriented business permit fee.	Fee set by Commissioners Court for Sexually Oriented Businesses in unincorporated areas of the county under regulation passed by Commissioners Court.
Duplicate Permit Fee	\$20.00	Charge for copy of any permit issued under health district regulations.	Administrative fee.

Air and Water Pollution - Storm Water Permit

Service/Item	Current Fee	Description	Fee Basis
Storm Water Permit	\$200.00	Storm water permit fee for construction activities.	Storm Water MS4 Pollution Control order for Erosion and Sediment Control; Illicit Discharge and Post-Construction to meet requirement of GCHD storm water policy.