
Ordinance

Ordinance amending Sections 19-33, 19-44, 23-20, 23-22, 23-57, and 38-9 of the Corpus Christi Code to increase fees for food health permits, vendor permits, food handler certificates, on-site sewage facilities inspections, daycare and foster home inspections, and commercial swimming pool inspections; and providing for penalty and publication.

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Background and Summary

Environnemental Health & Consumer Services (EHCS) Mission:

Environmental and Consumer Health Services (ECHS) is a Public Health District division focusing on food-borne and environmental-borne illnesses.

Education on food safety:

- A primary focus is to educate the regulated industry regarding food safety.

Maintain food safety standards:

- ECHS provides inspections and permits for restaurants, convenience stores, mobile food operations, temporary events, and catering operations.
- ECHS provides food health permits, retail health permits, mobile health permits, and food handler certificates.

Maintain environmental standards:

- ECHS provides OSSF (Septic System) permits and inspections, foster home inspections, and commercial swimming pool inspections.

Background and Summary

EHCS Fee Adjustments:

An increase in environmental and consumer health permit fees is proposed after conducting a fee study in June 2024.

- ECHS fees are lower than environmental fees compared to other major cities in Texas.
- Environmental and Consumer Health Services (ECHS) has not increased environmental and consumer health permit fees since 2006, except for a fee adjustment for On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) permits in FY21.
- The fee increases are based on the current cost of providing the service, accounting for inflation and increasing the cost of supplies and materials.
- As the City is the sole operator, the fee schedule for services provided under the ECHS will be adopted to standardize all fees and include services provided outside of the City of Corpus Christi.

Proposed EHCS Fee Schedule

Adjusted Fee Schedule Breakdown:

The plan involves increasing eight existing fees for FY 25

Adjusted Fee Schedule Breakdown:	Current	Proposed
1) Food Health Permits		
101+ Employees	\$780.00	\$880.00
51-100 Employees	\$630.00	\$710.00
26-50 Employees	\$480.00	\$540.00
10-25 Employees	\$330.00	\$370.00
1-9 Employees	\$205.00	\$225.00

Proposed EHCS Fee Schedule

Fee schedule breakdown continued:

Adjusted Fee Schedule Breakdown:	Current	Proposed
2) Retail Health Permit	\$85.00	\$125.00
3) Mobile Unit Permit	\$100.00	\$140.00
4) Mobile Unit Vending Permit	\$75.00	\$120.00
5) OSSF(Septic Systems)	\$350.00	\$500.00
6) Foster Home Inspection	\$50.00	\$100.00
7) Swimming Pool Permit	\$125.00	\$200.00
8) Food Handler Certificate	\$10.00	\$12.00

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Fiscal Impact and Staff Recommendation

Fiscal impact:

The total revenue using the current fees for FY 24 is anticipated to be \$685,625.00.

The plan involves increasing fees for the following:

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| 1) Food Health Permits | 5) OSSF (Septic Systems) |
| 2) Retail Health Permit | 6) Foster Home Inspection |
| 3) Mobile Unit Permit | 7) Swimming Pool Permit |
| 4) Mobile Unit Vending Permit | 8) Food Handler Certificate |

If applied, the proposed Environmental Health and Consumer Health Services fees for FY 25 are projected to increase total revenue by approximately \$167,343.00.

Staff Recommendation: Approval of ordinance amending Sections 19-33, 19-44, 23-20, 23-22, 23-57, and 38-9 of the Corpus Christi Code to increase fees.

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