

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, publication, and effective date of October 1, 2024.

WHEREAS, fees for food health permits, retail health permits, mobile unit permits, food handler certificates, and swimming pool permit have not been have not been adjusted since August 1, 2006 (Ord 026902);

WHEREAS, fees for daycare and foster home inspections have not been have not been adjusted since July 22, 2003 (Ord 25398);

WHEREAS, fees for food handler certificates have not been have not been adjusted since August 27, 2013 (Ord 029932);

WHEREAS, fees for mobile unit vending permits have not been adjusted since July 13, 2017 (031187); and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that each of the fees described herein do not exceed the minimum amount necessary to pay for the cost of administering these programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. To increase food health permit fees, the Corpus Christi Code, Chapter 19, Section 19-33, Subsection (b) is amended by adding the following language that is underlined (added) and deleting the language that is stricken (~~deleted~~) as delineated below:

Sec. 19-33. Issuance; fee.

(b) Prior to the issuance of a health permit, the applicant shall pay a fee according to the following schedule:

Food service or food processing establishments:

Having one hundred one (101) or more employees..... \$780.00	<u>\$880.00</u>
Having fifty-one (51) to one hundred (100) employees..... \$630.00	<u>\$710.00</u>
Having twenty-six (26) to fifty (50) employees..... \$480.00	<u>\$540.00</u>
Having ten (10) to twenty-five (25) employees..... \$330.00	<u>\$370.00</u>
Having one (1) to nine (9) employees..... \$205.00	<u>\$225.00</u>
Temporary food service establishments, initial day.....\$35.00	
Temporary food service establishments, each additional day.....\$15.00	

Temporary food service establishments, late fee, if application is not filed within five (5) days of an event.....	\$70.00	
Retail food stores.....	\$85.00	<u>\$125.00</u>
Mobile units.....	\$100.00	<u>\$140.00</u>
Farmer's market egg vendor permit.....	\$50.00	
Late fee.....	\$25.00	
Follow-up inspection fee.....	\$50.00	

(1) No fee will be charged for a food service operation conducted by a taxing authority, such as a school district, whether local, state or federal.

(2) For permanent establishments, the fee shall be reduced by twenty-five (25) per cent if the permit is issued in April, May, or June; by fifty (50) per cent if the permit is issued in July, August, or September; and seventy-five (75) per cent if the permit is issued in October, November or December. The minimum fee shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

SECTION 2. To increase food handler certificate fees, the Corpus Christi Code, Chapter 19, Section 19-49, Subsection (a) is amended by adding the following language that is underlined (added) and deleting the language that is stricken (~~deleted~~) as delineated below:

Sec. 19-49. Certification.

(a) Certification: All employees of food service, temporary food service, food processing establishments or mobile food units must obtain food handling certification before beginning to work. A minimum of two (2) hours of food sanitation training for each employee is required every two (2) years. This training shall be an approved health department course. A fee of ~~ten dollars (\$10.00)~~ \$12 will be charged for each food handler permit issued by the health department. A food handler's permit shall be valid for a period of two (2) years from date of issuance, unless said permit is sooner revoked by the health officer.

SECTION 3. To increase on-site sewage disposal systems inspection fees, the Corpus Christi Code, Chapter 23, Section 23-20, is amended by adding the following language that is underlined (added) and deleting the language that is stricken (~~deleted~~) as delineated below:

Sec. 23-20. On-site sewage disposal systems inspection fee.

Every application for inspection by the health department of any on-site sewage disposal system, including any septic tank system, shall be accompanied by payment of a ~~three hundred fifty dollar (\$350.00)~~ \$500 fee.

SECTION 4. To increase daycare and foster home inspection fees, the Corpus Christi Code, Chapter 23, Section 23-22, subsection (b) is amended by adding the following

language that is underlined (added) and deleting the language that is stricken (~~deleted~~) as delineated below:

Sec. 23-22. Schedule of fees for inspection of day care centers, group day care homes, and foster family homes.

(b) Inspection fee. An inspection fee of ~~fifty dollars (\$50.00)~~ \$100.00 must be charged for inspections of day care centers, group day care homes, or foster family homes performed by the city-county health department which are required by the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services for licensing of these facilities.

SECTION 5. To increase commercial swimming pool inspection fees, the Corpus Christi Code, Chapter 23, Section 23-57, Subsection (3) is amended by adding the following language that is underlined (added) and deleting the language that is stricken (~~deleted~~) as delineated below:

Sec. 23-57. Commercial swimming pool standards.

(3) Inspections; fee.

a. Inspections. Any authorized representative of the health department of the City of Corpus Christi, Texas, may enter upon any and all parts of the premises of such swimming places, to make examinations and investigations of the sanitary conditions of such places and of such compliance with the provisions of these regulations. Failure to comply shall constitute grounds for the immediate closing of the swimming pool until satisfactory compliance is achieved.

b. Inspection fee. An annual inspection fee of ~~one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00)~~ \$200.00, payable on or before April 1 of each year, must be paid for each property swimming pool. The director of public health shall establish procedures for collecting the fee. No person may operate a property swimming pool unless the pool's annual inspection fee has been paid. Each day of operation in violation of this section constitutes a separate offense.

SECTION 6. To increase vendor permit fees, the Corpus Christi Code, Chapter 38, Section 38-9, subsection (b) is amended by adding the following language that is underlined (added) and deleting the language that is stricken (~~deleted~~) as delineated below:

Sec. 38-9. Permits—Duration and fees.

(b) The fee for a permit under this article shall be ~~seventy-five dollars (\$75.00)~~ \$120 per year.

SECTION 7. If for any reason, any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word, or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect any other section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision of this ordinance, for it is the definite intent of this City Council that every section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision hereof be given full force and effect for its purpose.

SECTION 8. Publication shall be made in the official publication of the City of Corpus Christi as required by the City Charter of the City of Corpus Christi.

SECTION 9. Penalties are as provided in Section 1-6 of the Corpus Christi Code.

SECTION 10. This ordinance takes effect October 1, 2024.

Introduced and voted on the _____ day of _____, 2024.

PASSED and APPROVED on the _____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

Paulette Guajardo, Mayor

Rebecca Huerta, City Secretary