



CORPUS CHRISTI - NUECES COUNTY
**PUBLIC HEALTH
DISTRICT**

State-mandated Adjustments to Food Service Permit and Inspection Fees

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Overview: Senate Bill 1008



Cities, counties, and public health districts **cannot** require a local food-service establishment to obtain any local permit/license (or charge related fees) *unless* the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) would require it under state law.



Local governments are prohibited from imposing fees that exceed what DSHS would charge for a comparable permit/license including processing, renewal, inspection, or certification fees.



The law took effect September 1, 2025.



Food Service Establishment Permit Fees

Number of Employees	Current
1-10	\$225
11-25	\$370
26-50	\$540
51-100	\$710
101 or more	\$880
Pre-packaged Non-Hazardous Food	\$125

Gross Annual Food Sales	State	Proposed
\$0 - \$49,999.99	\$258	\$258
\$50,000 - \$149,999.99	\$515	\$515
\$150,000 or more	\$773	\$773

Note: State does not use the 'Number of Employees' to assess permit fees.
 State does not have a permit fee for establishments that offer only 'Pre-packaged non-hazardous food'.



Food Service Establishment Inspection & Reinspection Fees

	Current	State	Proposed
Initial Inspection ¹	\$0	\$150	\$100
Reinspection ²	\$50	\$200	\$150

1. Applicable only to NEW establishments and conducted to verify compliance with health and safety standards *before* an establishment begins operations.
2. A reinspection is a follow-up visit to confirm that previously cited violations have been corrected, and the establishment is back in compliance.



Food Service Establishment Amendment Fees

Gross Annual Food Sales	State	Proposed
\$0 - \$49,999.99	\$125	\$125
\$50,000 - \$149,999.99	\$250	\$250
\$150,000 or more	\$375	\$375

Note: The Public Health District currently does not charge any fee for amendments to existing permits. Amendment includes a change of name or change of ownership of a food establishment.



Mobile Food Unit Permit & Amendment Fees

	Current	State	Proposed
Mobile Food Unit-Health Permit	\$140	\$250	\$250
Mobile Food Unit-Vending Permit	\$120		
Amendment	\$0	\$125	\$125

Note: Amendment includes a change of name or change of ownership of a food establishment



Temporary Food Establishment Fees

	Current
One Day (with 5 day notice)	\$35
Each Additional Day	\$15
Late Fee (payment is made <5 days before event date)	\$70

State	Proposed
Single Event for 14 days - \$52	\$52
Multiple Events for 2 years - \$200	\$200



School-Based Food Establishment Fees

	Current	State	Proposed
Public School Inspections (2x per year)	\$0	\$150.00 per inspection	\$150.00 per inspection
School-Based Food Establishment Permit*	\$0	\$258	\$258

* For Profit or Private schools



Disclaimer

All proposed City food-service–related fees are subject to change depending on the State fee schedule updates.



Next Steps



60-Day Stakeholder Notice (Required by SB 1008)

Timeline: Begins on December 17, 2025

Notification of the proposed changes will be sent to Stakeholders (local food establishments, Schools & DSHS)



Council Approval of Revised Ordinances & Fees

Timeline: 1st reading – February 17, 2026
2nd reading – February 24, 2026

Implementation on March 2, 2026



Submission to DSHS Statewide Registry

Timeline: Within 30 days of Implementation

Submit:

- Updated fee schedule
- Ordinance summary





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Thank you!