



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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Merced County Department of Public Health, Division of Environmental Health Fees

Effective July 1, 2018, the Merced County Department of Public Health, Division of Environmental Health fee schedule below includes a three and one-tenth (3.1%) automatic Consumer Price Index escalator applied to local fees listed in previously adopted Ordinance 1898, approved on November 6, 2012, by the Merced County Board of Supervisors.

FOOD PROGRAM

\$ RATE/FREQUENCY

Food Facility with food preparation (i.e. restaurants, delicatessens)	
0 - 49 seats	427/year
50 - 149 seats	598/year
≥150 seats	734/year
Hotel/Motel Continental Breakfast Only	247/year
Bar	459/year
Bakery	459/year
Cafeteria (School)	459/year
School Cafeteria Other – Warehouse	384/year
Commissary	459/year
Satellite Food Distribution Facility	230/year
Restricted Food Service Transient Occupancy Establishment (Bed and Breakfast)	459/year
Cottage Food Operation Class A	64/year
Cottage Food Operation Class B	255/year
Farmers Market (certified)	230/year
Produce Stand	230/year
Produce Vehicle	115/year
Foodborne Illness Investigation	118/hour

FOOD PROGRAM (Continued)**\$ RATE/FREQUENCY**

Vending Machines (per machine)*

1 - 5 at location	22/year
6 or more at one location	13/year

*Excludes machines with food or beverage which are not potentially hazardous pursuant to HSC Section 113938.

Mobile Food Facility

Mobile food facility (Basic Cart) with packaged and/or unpackaged non-potentially hazardous or packaged frozen foods (i.e. produce, baked goods, packaged ice cream bars, packaged frozen meat)	192/year
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Mobile food facility (Intermediate Cart) with packaged potentially hazardous food (i.e. hot food sales)	223/year
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Mobile food facility (Advanced) with non-potentially hazardous food preparation, sales of raw fish, preparation of hot dogs or as coffee-based drinks with milk an ingredient (i.e. snow cones, fresh popped popcorn, cotton candy, churros)	255/year
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Mobile food facility (Deep fat fryer, and/or cooked-to-order carts)	459/year
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Single operating site mobile food facility w/non potentially hazardous food	128/year
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Single operating site mobile food facility w/potentially hazardous food	192/year
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Mobile support unit	230/year
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Mobile food facility (Food Preparation Unit)	634/year
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Food Bank/Pantry	128/year
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Temporary food facility

Temporary food facility operating at a weekly or monthly community event less than 25 consecutive or non-consecutive days in any 90-day period	384/event
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Temporary food facility – low risk single event	33/event
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Temporary food facility – low risk annual fee	167/year
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Temporary food facility – high risk single event	95/event
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Temporary food facility – high risk annual fee	476/year
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FOOD PROGRAM (Continued)**\$ RATE/FREQUENCY**

Community Event Organizer

Community food events with 2-5 temporary food facilities (1.5 hours)	177/event
Community food events with 6-15 temporary food facilities (2.5 hours)	295/event
Community food events with 16-25 temporary food facilities (3.5 hours)	413/event
Community food events with 26+ temporary food facilities (5.5 hours)	649/event

Swap Meet Prepackaged Food Stands	213/year
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Swap Meet/Flea Market Organizer Fee

2-5 facilities	188/year
6-15 facilities	310/year
16-25 facilities	435/year
26+ facilities	685/year

Retail Market (grocery store)

<500 sq. ft. (Pre-packaged, non-hazardous food)	32/year
<2,000 sq. ft.	344/year
2,001 - 6,000 sq. ft.	459/year
6,001 - 15,000 sq. ft.	690/year
15,001-30,000 sq. ft.	967/year
>30,001 sq. ft.	1,133/year

Licensed Health Care Facility 16-99 beds	459/year
Licensed Health Care Facility 100-199 beds	690/year
Licensed Health Care Facility 200+ beds	921/year

Plan Checks

Prepackaged food only, that is non-potentially hazardous (2.5 hour minimum, each additional hour at hourly rate)	295/each
Unpackaged food, food preparation also prepackaged potentially hazardous food (7 hour minimum, each additional hour at hourly rate)	826/each
Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) Plan Review (3.5 hour minimum, each additional hour at the hourly rate)	413/each

Re-inspection Fee	118/hour
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Multiple Food Establishment Fees

Fees shall be set on any premises with multiple food establishments operating under the same business name/ownership, and shall pay the following fees: 100% of annual fee for the type of establishment with the highest prescribed fee, and 70% of each remaining fee. Mobile food facilities and retail food vehicles shall not be included as multiples and shall pay the standard fees.

HOUSING PROGRAM**\$ RATE/FREQUENCY**

Hotel/Motel	
Confirmed complaint	118/hour
Clearance of Substandard Housing/Posted Building	921/each

PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM PROGRAM**\$ RATE/FREQUENCY**

Public Water Systems (State Fee HSC Section 116565)	
State Small Water System (5 - 14 connections)	281/year
Permit Application - Initial (State Fee HSC Section 116570)	
State Small	188/each
Public well construction permit and installation inspection (No water samples)	777/each

PRIVATE WATER SYSTEM PROGRAM**\$ RATE/FREQUENCY**

Domestic Well Permit and Installation Inspection (to include bacteriological and chemical water samples)	807/each
Other well permits and installation inspections	273/each
Domestic surface water system approval	777/each
Low Temperature Geothermal Well Permit (per site)	318/each
Monitoring and Test Well Permits	243/each
Each additional monitoring/test well per assessor's parcel number/project	47/each
Soil Boring and Test Hole Permits	243/each
Each additional soil boring/test hole per assessor's parcel number/project	47/each
Out-of-Service Well Permit	213/each
Reconstruction of Existing Well Permit	213/each
Water Well Destruction Permits	
Permit obtained with well construction permit	56/each
Permit obtained without construction permit	213/each
Permit obtained after 30 days of date on written notice*	680/each
Monitoring well permit (first)	213/each
Each additional well per assessor's parcel number/project	56/each

*When a violation letter is issued requiring a well to be destroyed under permit by a specific date, the higher fee will be charged if the permit is obtained more than 30 days past the destruction due date indicated in the violation letter.

PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL PROGRAM**\$ RATE/FREQUENCY**

Public Pool (year round)	690/year
Public Pool (seasonal)	344/year
Each additional pool per site or facility	154/year
Reopening of Closed Pool	459/each

PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL PROGRAM (Continued)

\$ RATE/FREQUENCY

New Pool Plan Check:(5.5 hour minimum, each additional hour at the hourly rate) 649/each
Pool Renovation Plan Check:(3 hour minimum, each additional hour at the hourly rate) 354/each
Water Activity Park 1,151/year

LIQUID WASTE PROGRAM

\$ RATE/FREQUENCY

Septic Tank/Chemical Toilet Cleaning Business 230/vehicle/year
Sewage System Permit (New or Repair) 571/each
Special Sewage System Permit 916/each
Septic Tank Abandonment Permit 457/each
Septic Tank Abandonment Permit with new system 230/each
Reclamation Wastewater Permit 230/year
Greywater Permit 342/year
Zone of Benefit Sewage Inspection 118/hour

SLUDGE PROGRAM

\$ RATE/FREQUENCY

Sludge Management Plan 2,455/each
Sludge Site Plan 1,840/each
Sludge Appeal 921/each
Sludge Monitoring 118/hour

SOLID WASTE PROGRAM

\$ RATE/FREQUENCY

<u>Facilities/Operation</u>	<u>Notification</u>	<u>Registration</u>	<u>Standard Permit</u>
Agricultural Material Composting Operation	367/year	---	---
Green Material Composting Operations & Facilities	367/year	734/year	2,575/year
Animal Material Composting Facility	---	734/year	3,863/year
Sewage Sludge Composting Facility	---	5,519/year	7,361/year
Mixed Solid Waste Composting Facility	---	---	7,361/year
Research Composting Operation	367/year	---	---
Compostable Materials Handling Facility	367/year	734/year	2,575/year
Construction, Demolition/Inert Debris	367/year	734/year	2,575/year
Agricultural Waste Disposal Permit (per facility)			367/year

WRECKED, ABANDONED VEHICLE PROGRAM

\$ RATE/FREQUENCY

Abandoned Vehicle 118/hour*
* If the responsible party of the vehicle is determined.
Abandoned Vehicle Removal <14,000 lbs. 140/each
Abandoned Vehicle Removal >14,000 lbs. 281/each

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL WASTE PROGRAM**\$ RATE/FREQUENCY**

Underground Storage Tanks

Operating permit - underground storage tanks (UST)*	
New or existing facility and first tank	637/year
Each additional tank	115/year
Existing facility with < 3,000 gallons total capacity	395/year
Permanent closure (per tank)	996/each
Temporary closure (per tank)	996/each
Major Modification permit (per facility)	996/each
Minor Modification permit (per facility)	372/each
Installation permit (per facility)	996/each
Each additional tank	143/each
Remediation: Non-LOP, Non-UST	118/hour

*Includes Business Plan Fee

Hazardous Waste Generators

Small Quantity Generators (less than or equal to 2,199 pounds/month)	230/year
Large Quantity Generators (equal to or greater than 2,200 pounds/month)	921/year
Small Quantity Generators of waste oil, oil filters, radiator fluid only (less than or equal to 2,199 pounds/month)	128/year
Large Quantity Generators of waste oil, oil filters, radiator fluid only (equal to or greater than 2,200 pounds/month)	154/year
RCRA Large Quantity Hazardous Waste Generator	1,073/year

Tiered Permits

Conditionally Exempt	168/year
Conditionally Authorized	673/year
Permit by Rule	673/year

Business Plans

Hazardous material storage permit: For storage of any hazardous material above these threshold limits- 500 pounds solid; 55 gallons liquid; 200 cubic feet of gas at Standard Temperature and Pressure (STP). The threshold for an asphyxiating non-flammable gas or medical gas (oxygen or nitrous oxide) is greater than or equal to 1,000 cubic feet; the threshold for an irritant or sensitizer solid or liquid is 5,000 pounds.

1 - 5 chemicals	154/year
1 - 5 chemicals (large volume/high risk)*	306/year
6 or more chemicals	306/year
6 or more chemicals (large volume/high risk)*	536/year

*If business stores greater than 2,000 pounds, 220 gallons, or 800 cubic feet of gas at STP and/or stores any acutely hazardous material.

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL WASTE PROGRAM (Continued)**\$ RATE/FREQUENCY**

California Accidental Release Program (Cal/ARP) Risk Management Plan (RMP)

RMP application review and approval (3 hours minimum, each additional hour at hourly rate)	354/each
Cal/ARP annual operating fee	1,532/year

Remedial Action/Oversight of Hazardous Waste Site 118/hour

Hazardous Material/Waste Investigation/Response 118/hour

Aboveground Storage Tank Program

10,001-100,000 gallons	297/year
100,001-1,000,000 gallons	297/year
1,000,001-10,000,000 gallons	297/year
10,000,001-100,000,000 gallons	297/year

MEDICAL WASTE PROGRAM**\$ RATE/FREQUENCY**

Small Quantity Generators (with no on-site treatment) 73/year

Small Quantity Generators on-site treatment
(less than 200 pounds/month) 144/year

Common Storage Facility serving:

2 - 10 generators	293/year
11 - 49 generators	726/year
50 or more generators	1,457/year

Large Quantity Generator (200 or more pounds/month)

Acute care hospital	
1 - 99 beds	1,750/year
100 - 199 beds	2,507/year
200 - 250 beds	3,203/year
251 or more beds	4,077/year

Acute care hospital with onsite treatment pays the additional fee of:

1-99 beds	876/year
100-250 beds	1,457/year
251 or more beds	2,912/year

Specialty clinic
(Surgical, dialysis, etc.) 1,018/year

Skilled Nursing Facility

1 - 99 beds	801/year
100 - 199 beds	1,018/year
200 or more beds	1,165/year

Acute Psychiatric Hospital 587/year

Intermediate Care Facility 876/year

Primary Care Clinic 1,018/year

MEDICAL WASTE PROGRAM (Continued)**\$ RATE/FREQUENCY**

Clinical Laboratory (licensed)	587/year
Health Care Service Plan Facility	1,018/year
Veterinary Clinic or Hospital	587/year
Medical/Dental/Veterinary Office	587/year
Large Quantity Generator with on-site treatment additional fee (except for acute care hospitals)	876/year
Plan review for on-site treatment	118/hour
Limited Quantity Haulers	
1-4 haulers	115/year
Each additional hauler over 4	42/year
	(25 max. total)
Tattooing, Body Piercing, Permanent Cosmetics or Ear Piercing	
Body Art Facility Permit	690/year
Practitioner Annual Registration Fee	96/year
Ear Piercing Notification Fee (one-time)	48/each

ANIMAL CONFINEMENT FACILITY PROGRAM**\$ RATE/FREQUENCY**

Cow Dairy Fees* (based on the number of milk cows)	
Less than 300 Milk Cows	204/year
300 to 699 Milk Cows	408/year
700 to 1,499 Milk Cows	664/year
1,500 + Milk Cows	1,225/year
Feedlots	444/year
Goat Dairies	297/year
Hog/Swine/Horse/Sheep/Lamb Animal Confinement Facilities	297/year
Poultry (Facilities with potential to discharge)	444/year
Retention Pond/Settling Basin construction permit fee	444/each

*Facilities certified under a quality assurance program approved by the State Water Resources Control Board will receive a 25% fee reduction.

Annual fees will be charged for facilities that are required to be regulated through waste discharge requirements.

MISCELLANEOUS FEES**\$ RATE/FREQUENCY**

Photocopy charges per page (if greater than 50 pages)	.26/copy
In addition, copies in excess of 50 pages may be charged for the filing and copying time at the hourly rate.	
Environmental Sampling (Lab Cost plus)	
Water	52/per event
Soil	52/per event

MISCELLANEOUS FEES (Continued)

\$ RATE/FREQUENCY

Sludge	52/per event
Plant	52/per event
Manure	52/per event
Hazardous Waste	52/per event
Other sample type handling fee	52/per event

SERVICES AND COSTS NOT SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED:

A service fee based on a per hour fee of \$118.00 or \$177.00 for overtime or costs (cleanup, laboratory costs, etc.) may be charged for services or costs rendered by personnel or contractors of the Division of Environmental Health that are necessary to the performance of their duties as required by law, not specifically described in this Ordinance (e.g. smoking enforcement, drug lab response, solid waste, and other types of environmental health activities).

INSPECTION FREQUENCY

Facilities, as identified below, which are assessed an annual operating permit fee and then receives less than the minimum inspection frequency, will be exempt from fees the next fiscal year, if adequate staffing was available during the period of time that the inspection(s) were missed.

Food Facility	
Restaurant	1/year
Market	1/year
Mobile Food Facility	1/year
Hotel/Motel	Inspected on a complaint basis only
Public Pool	
Seasonal	1/year
Year round	2/year

PRO-RATED FEES FOR NEW BUSINESSES

The annual fee shall be pro-rated by month except for mobile food facilities, mobile support units, temporary food facilities, and state fees.

REINSPECTION FEES

A reinspection is a follow-up inspection. A fee may be charged for each reinspection needed to ensure or confirm correction of documented violations.

Except when otherwise specified, all services in this Ordinance, which are charged at an hourly rate, are 1-hour minimum and charged in half hour increments thereafter.

LATE FEES/ FAILURE TO OBTAIN PERMIT/SUSPENDED AND REVOKED PERMIT FEES

Any fee not paid within thirty (30) days of the initial billing will incur a penalty of 25% of the initial fee. If the fees are not paid within sixty (60) days of initial billing, the initial fee will be doubled. Fees not paid after ninety (90) days of the initial billing will be forwarded to Professional Credit Services (PCS).

LATE FEES / FAILURE TO OBTAIN PERMIT/SUSPENDED AND REVOKED PERMIT FEES
(Continued)

Any person who fails to obtain any required construction and/or operating permit prior to commencing work or operation may be subject to closure of the facility or stoppage of work and must pay the original permit fee and a penalty of three times the regular or full annual permit fee.

The suspended permit reinstatement fee shall be \$444.00 in addition to the fee for reinspection.

In order to reopen a facility after permit revocation, the full annual fee and reinspection fee must be paid.

As a condition for the issuance of a permit, the permittee must have clearance from the appropriate planning agency to operate. Failure to obtain the appropriate clearance from the planning agency will result in suspension of the permit.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ADJUSTMENT

All Environmental Health fees referenced in this Section of this ordinance, with the exception of State established surcharges, shall be adjusted as of July 1 of each year based on the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers (All Items), for the West Urban area, with the Standard Reference Base (1982-84=100), as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. The "annual average" percentage published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics will be used to determine the maximum annual increase. This percentage, which is calculated at the end of each calendar year, is available in January following the end of the previous calendar year. If reasonable program costs exceed the maximum annual increase, an additional fee increase may be established by ordinance of the Board of Supervisors. Fees will be rounded to the nearest whole dollar.

If inconsistencies exist between any electronic version and the official printed code and/or the underlying ordinances, the official legislation will be considered definitive.

Fee schedule revised July 1, 2018