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

**Effective July 1, 2013 the Merced County Department of Public Health, Division of Environmental Health fee schedule below includes a one-percent (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 | 399/year |
| 50 - 149 seats | 559/year |
| ≥150 seats | 686/year |
| Hotel/Motel Continental Breakfast Only | 232/year |
| Bar | 429/year |
| Bakery | 429/year |
| Cafeteria (School) | 429/year |
| School Cafeteria Other-Warehouse | 358/year |
| Commissary | 429/year |
| Satellite Food Distribution Facility | 215/year |
| Restricted Food Service Transient Occupancy Establishment (Bed and Breakfast) | 429/year |
| Cottage Food Operation Class A | 60/year |
| Cottage Food Operation Class B | 238/year |
| Farmers Market (certified) | 215/year |
| Produce Stand | 215/year |
| Farm Stand | 238/year |
| Produce Vehicle | 107/year |
| Food Borne Illness Investigation | 118/hour |

| **FOOD PROGRAM (Continued)** | **$ RATE/FREQUENCY** |
|---|---|
| Vending Machines (per machine)* | |
| 1 - 5 at location | 21/year |
| 6 or more at one location | 13/year |
| *Excludes machines with food or beverage which are not potentially hazardous pursuant to Health & Safety Code (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) | 179/year |
| Mobile food facility (Intermediate Cart) with packaged potentially hazardous food (i.e. hot food sales) | 208/year |
| Mobile food facility (Advanced) with non-potentially hazardous food preparation, sales of raw fish, preparation of hot dogs or coffee-based drinks with milk as an ingredient (i.e. snow cones, fresh popped popcorn, cotton candy, churros) | 238/year |
| Mobile food facility (Deep Fat Fryer, and/or cooked to order carts) | 429/year |
| Single operating site mobile food facility w/non potentially hazardous food | 119/year |
| Single operating site mobile food facility w/potentially hazardous food | 179/year |
| Mobile support unit | 215/year |
| Mobile food facility (Food Preparation Unit) | 592/year |
| Food Bank/Pantry | 119/year |
| 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 | 358/event |
| Temporary food facility - low risk single event | 31/event |
| Temporary food facility – low risk annual fee | 156/year |
| Temporary food facility – high risk single event | 89/event |
| Temporary food facility – high risk annual fee | 445/year |

| **FOOD PROGRAM (Continued)** | **$ RATE/FREQUENCY** |
|---|---|
| Community Event Organizer | |
| Community food events with 2-5 temporary food facilities (1.5 hours) | 179/event |
| Community food events with 6-15 temporary food facilities (2.5 hours) | 298/event |
| Community food events with 16-25 temporary food facilities (3.5 hours) | 417/event |
| Community food events with 26+ temporary food facilities (5.5 hours) | 655/event |
| Swap Meet Prepackaged Food Stands | 199/year |
| Swap Meet/Flea Market Organizer Fee | |
| 2-5 facilities | 175/year |
| 6-15 facilities | 291/year |
| 16-25 facilities | 407/year |
| 26+ facilities | 639/year |
| Retail Market (grocery store) | |
| <500 sq. ft. (Pre-packaged, non-hazardous food) | 30/year |
| <2,000 sq. ft. | 321/year |
| 2,001 - 6,000 sq. ft. | 429/year |
| 6,001 - 15,000 sq. ft. | 644/year |
| 15,001-30,000 sq. ft. | 902/year |
| >30,001 sq. ft. | 1059/year |
| Licensed Health Care Facility 16-99 beds | 429/year |
| Licensed Health Care Facility 100-199 beds | 644/year |
| Licensed Health Care Facility 200+ beds | 860/year |
| Plan Checks | |
| Prepackaged food only, that is non-potentially hazardous food (2.5 hour minimum, each additional hour at hourly rate) | 298/each |
| Unpackaged food, food preparation also prepackaged potentially hazardous food (7 hour minimum, each additional hour at hourly rate) | 834/each |
| Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) Plan Review (3.5 hour minimum, each additional hour at the hourly rate) | 417/each |
| Re-inspection Fee | 118/hour |

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 | 860/each |

| PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM PROGRAM | $ RATE/FREQUENCY |
|---|---|
| Public Water Systems (State Fee HSC Section 116565) | |
| Community (5 - 24 connections) | 456/year |
| Community (25 - 99 connections) | 729/year |
| Community (100 - 199 connections) | 916/year |
| Non-transient non-community | 639/year |
| Transient non-community | 639/year |
| State Small Water System (5 - 14 connections) | 263/year |
| Permit Application - Initial (State Fee HSC Section 116570) | |
| Community | 912/year |
| Non-transient non-community | 546/year |
| Transient non-community | 546/year |
| State Small | 175/year |
| Permit Amendment (ownership change) | 274/each |
| Permit Amendment (i.e. source or treatment change) | 455/each |
| Public well construction permit and installation inspection (No water samples) | 726/each |

| PRIVATE WATER SYSTEM PROGRAM | $ RATE/FREQUENCY |
|---|---|
| Domestic Well Permit and Installation Inspection (to include bacteriological and chemical water samples) | 754/each |
| Other well permits and installation inspections | 255/each |
| Domestic surface water system approval | 726/each |
| Low Temperature Geothermal Well Permit (per site) | 297/each |
| Monitoring and Test Well Permits | 228/each |
| Each additional monitoring/test well per assessors parcel number/project | 44/each |
| Soil Boring and Test Hole Permits | 228/each |
| Each additional soil boring/test hole per assessors parcel number/project | 44/each |
| Out-of-Service Well Permit | 199/each |
| Reconstruction of Existing Well Permit | 199/each |
| Water Well Destruction Permits | |
| Permit obtained with well construction permit | 52/each |
| Permit obtained without construction permit | 199/each |
| Permit obtained after 30 days of date on written notice* | 635/each |
| Monitoring well permit (first) | 199/each |
| Each additional well per assessors parcel number/project | 52/each |

**PRIVATE WATER SYSTEM PROGRAM (Continued**

*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) | 644/year |
| Public Pool (seasonal) | 321/year |
| Each additional pool per site or facility | 143/year |
| Reopening of Closed Pool | 429/each |
| New Pool Plan Check: (5.5 hour minimum, each additional hour at the hourly rate) | 644/each |
| Pool Renovation Plan Check (3 hour minimum, each additional hour at the hourly rate) | 358/each |
| Water Activity Park | 1075/year |

| LIQUID WASTE PROGRAM | $ RATE/FREQUENCY |
|---|---|
| Septic Tank/Chemical Toilet Cleaning Business | 215/vehicle/year |
| Sewage System Permit (New or Repair) | 533/each |
| Special Sewage System Permit | 855/each |
| Septic Tank Abandonment Permit | 427/each |
| Septic Tank Abandonment Permit with new system | 215/each |
| Reclamation Wastewater Permit | 215/year |
| Greywater Permit | 319/year |
| Zone of Benefit Sewage Inspection | 118/hour |

| SLUDGE PROGRAM | $ RATE/FREQUENCY |
|---|---|
| Sludge Management Plan | 2,293/each |
| Sludge Site Permit | 1,718/each |
| Sludge Appeal | 860/each |
| Sludge Monitoring | 118/hour |

**SOLID WASTE PROGRAM** **$ RATE/FREQUENCY**

| Facilities/Operation | Notification | Registration | Standard Permit |
|---|---|---|---|
| Agricultural Material Composting Operation | 343/year | --- | --- |
| Green Material Composting Operations & Facilities | 343/year | 686/year | 2,406/year |
| Animal Material Composting Facility | --- | 686/year | 3,609/year |
| Sewage Sludge Composting Facility | --- | 5,155/year | 6,876/year |
| Mixed Solid Waste Composting Facility | --- | --- | 6,876/year |
| Research Composting Operation | 343/year | --- | --- |
| Compostable Materials Handling Facility | 343/year | 686/year | 2,406/year |
| Construction, Demolition/Inert Debris | 343/year | 686/year | 2,406/year |

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| Agricultural Waste Disposal Permit (per facility) | 343/year |

| WRECKED, ABANDONED VEHICLE PROGRAM | $ RATE/FREQUENCY |
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| Abandoned Vehicle | 118/hour* |
| * If the responsible party of the vehicle is determined. | |
| Abandoned Vehicle Removal <14,000 pounds | 131/each |
| Abandoned Vehicle Removal >14,000 pounds | 263/each |

| HAZARDOUS MATERIAL/WASTE PROGRAM | $ RATE/FREQUENCY |
|---|---|
| Underground Storage Tanks | |
| Operating permit - underground storage tanks (UST)* | |
| New or existing facility and first tank | 595/year |
| Each additional tank | 107/year |
| Existing facility with < 3,000 gallons total capacity | 368/year |
| Permanent closure (per tank) | 930/each |
| Temporary closure (per tank) | 930/each |
| Major Modification permit (per facility) | 930/each |
| Minor Modification permit (per facility) | 348/each |
| Installation permit (per facility) | 930/each |
| Each additional tank | 134/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) | 215/year |
| Large Quantity Generators (equal to or greater than 2,200 pounds/month) | 860/year |
| Small Quantity Generators of waste oil, oil filters, radiator fluid only (less than or equal to 2,199 pounds/month) | 119/year |
| Large Quantity Generators of waste oil, oil filters, radiator fluid only (equal to or greater than 2,200 pounds/month) | 143/year |
| RCRA Large Quantity Hazardous Waste Generator | 1,003/year |
| Tiered Permits | |
| Conditionally Exempt | 157/year |
| Conditionally Authorized | 629/year |
| Permit by Rule | 629/year |

| **HAZARDOUS MATERIAL/WASTE PROGRAM (Continued)** | **$ RATE/FREQUENCY** |
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Business Plans

Hazardous material storage permit: (For storage of any hazardous material above these threshold limits- 500 pounds solid; 55 gallons liquid; or 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.

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| 1 - 5 chemicals | 143/year |
| 1 - 5 chemicals (large volume/high risk)* | 287/year |
| 6 or more chemicals | 287/year |
| 6 or more chemicals (large volume/high risk)* | 500/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.

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

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| RMP application review and approval (3.5 hours minimum, each additional hour at hourly rate) | 417/each |
| Cal/ARP annual operating fee | 1,432/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 | 278/year |
| 100,001-1,000,000 gallons | 278/year |
| 1,000,001-10,000,000 gallons | 278/year |
| 10,000,001-100,000,000 gallons | 278/year |

| **MEDICAL WASTE PROGRAM** | **$ RATE/FREQUENCY** |
|---|---|
| Small Quantity Generators (with no on-site treatment) | 69/year |
| Small Quantity Generators on-site treatment (less than 200 pounds/month) | 135/year |
| Common Storage Facility serving: | |
| 2-10 generators | 274/year |
| 11-49 generators | 679/year |
| 50 or more generators | 1,361/year |
| Large Quantity Generator (200 or more pounds/month) | |
| Acute care hospital | |
| 1-99 beds | 1,634/year |
| 100-199 beds | 2,342/year |
| 200-250 beds | 2,992/year |
| 251 or more beds | 3,808/year |

| **MEDICAL WASTE PROGRAM (Continued)** | **$ RATE/FREQUENCY** |
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| Acute care hospital with onsite treatment pays the additional fee of: | |
| 1-99 beds | 819/year |
| 100-250 beds | 1,361/year |
| 251 or more beds | 2,719/year |
| Specialty clinic (Surgical, dialysis, etc.) | 951/year |
| Skilled Nursing Facility | |
| 1-99 beds | 748/year |
| 100–199 beds | 951/year |
| 200 or more beds | 1,088/year |
| Acute Psychiatric Hospital | 548/year |
| Intermediate Care Facility | 819/year |
| Primary Care Clinic | 951/year |
| Clinical Laboratory (licensed) | 548/year |
| Health Care Service Plan Facility | 951/year |
| Veterinary Clinic or Hospital | 548/year |
| Medical/Dental/Veterinary Office | 548/year |
| Large Quantity Generator with on-site treatment additional fee (except for acute care hospitals) | 819/year |
| Plan review for on-site treatment | 118/hour |
| Limited Quantity Haulers | |
| 1-4 haulers | 107/year |
| Each additional hauler over 4 | 39/year (25 max. total) |
| Tattooing, Body Piercing, Permanent Cosmetics, or Ear Piercing | |
| Body Art Facility Permit | 644/year |
| Practitioner Annual Registration Fee | 90/year |
| Ear Piercing Notification Fee (one-time) | 45/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 | 415/year |
| Goat Dairies | 278/year |
| Hog/Swine/Horse/Sheep/Lamb Animal Confinement Facilities | 278/year |
| Poultry (Facilities with potential to discharge) | 415/year |
| Retention Pond/Settling Basin construction permit fee | 415/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**

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| Photocopy charges per page (if greater than 50 pages)<br>In addition, copies in excess of 50 pages may be charged for filing and copying time at the hourly rate. | .26/copy |
| Environmental Sampling (Lab cost plus) | |
| Water | 48/per event |
| Soil | 48/per event |
| Sludge | 48/per event |
| Plant | 48/per event |
| Manure | 48/per event |
| Hazardous Waste | 48/per event |
| Other sample type handling fee | 48/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.

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| 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 FEE

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 Revenue and Reimbursement.

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 $415.00 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 permitee 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 Section 1 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 scheduled revised July 1, 2013.***