

Office of Environmental Health Programs Fees

July 2010

Consumer Health

Service/Item	Description	Fee Basis	Current Fee
High Risk Food Permit	Permit Fee for high risk establishments	Chapter 437 of the Health and Safety Code allows a permit fee of no more than \$300.00 for Health District food service permit fees.	\$300.00
Medium Risk Food Permit	Permit Fee for medium risk establishments	Chapter 437 of the Health and Safety Code allows a permit fee of no more than \$300.00 for Health District food service permit fees.	\$275.00
Low Risk Food Permit	Permit Fee for low risk establishments,	Chapter 437 of the Health and Safety Code allows a permit fee of no more than \$300.00 for Health District food service permit fees.	\$225.00
Temporary Food Permit	Permit fee for temporary food service operations that operates for no more than 14 consecutive days. Fee waived for non-profits	Chapter 437 of the Health and Safety Code allows a permit fee of no more than \$300.00 for Health District food service permit fees.	\$75.00
Food Service Plan Review	Fee to review acceptability of proposed food establishment plans	Chapter 437 of the Health and Safety Code allows Health Districts to review planning materials of food establishments. \$100.00 administrative fee to cover cost of review.	\$100.00

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Food Manager Class Registration	One day course designed to educate food service managers on food handling regulations.	Food manager course for food service managers required under GCHD food establishment permitting regulation.	\$30.00
Food Handler's Course	Short course for food handlers working in local restaurants.	Administrative fee for shorter food handler class certification.	\$10.00
Farmer's Market Registration	Fee assessed that allows vendors of farm products to operate under the Farmer's Market permit.	Fee required under GCHD policy on food service establishments	<10 vendors \$150.00 >10 vendors \$250.00
Vendors Selling non-farm products at Farmer's Markets	Fee assessed that allows vendors to sell non-farm products at a registered farmer's market.	Fee required under GCHD policy on food service establishments	\$150.00
Childcare Facility Inspection	Childcare center that receives >13 children and prepares food.	Fee allowed by the Texas Food Establishment Rules not to exceed \$150.00.	\$125.00
Group Day Home Inspection	Inspection provided to assist Group day home operators in their compliance with group day home regulations.	General sanitation inspection provided as a service to group day home owners. We are not required by any regulation to provide this service.	\$50.00
Chlorine Test Strip	Test strips used to check chlorine sanitizer levels in ware-washing operations.	Our cost \$2.09. Provided for public and staff to help measure Chlorine sanitizer levels.	\$3.00

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Residential Septic	Permit fee For residential OSSF. Same fee TCEQ charges for similar OSSF.	Fee allowed under Ch. 366 Health and Safety Code	\$210.00
Maintenance Agreement	Additional fee to follow perpetual maintenance contracts.	Fee allowed under Ch. 366 Health and Safety Code	\$60.00
Commercial Septic	Permit fee for commercial OSSF. Same fee TCEQ charges for similar OSSF.	Fee allowed under Ch. 366 Health and Safety Code	410.00
Septic Reinspection - residential - commercial	Reinspection fee for OSSF due to failed construction inspection. Charge is ½ of original permit fee. Same fee basis charged by TCEQ.	Fee allowed under Ch. 366 Health and Safety Code and called for in our local OSSF regulation.	\$105.00 \$205.00
Septic Subdivision Review	Fee to review subdivision plans as required by regulations.	Fee allowed under Ch. 366 Health and Safety Code	\$100.00
State Charge Septic	Research Council charge for each OSSF application.	Fee allowed under Ch. 367 Health and Safety Code	\$10.00
Ground Water Review	Charge to review presence of groundwater in Bolivar/Galveston Area.	Fee allowed under Ch. 366 Health and Safety Code	\$64.00
Kennel Permit 0-10	Fee to cover permitting and inspection activities of small kennels.	Fee required under GCHD Rules for Animal Control.	\$60.00

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Kennel Permit 11-25	Fee to cover permitting and inspection activities of large kennels.	Fee required under GCHD Rules for Animal Control.	\$70.00
Kennel Permit 25+	Fee to cover permitting and inspection activities of large kennels.	Fee required under GCHD Rules for Animal Control.	\$90.00
Other Animal Establishment (Grooming, Zoological Park, Riding Stable, Auction, circus, performing animal exhibition, pet Shop)	Fee to cover permitting and inspection of other animal establishments listed in the GCHD Rules for Animal Control.	Fee required under GCHD Rules for Animal Control.	\$90.00
Pool Permit	Swimming pool permit fee.	Cost of a swimming pool permit under the Galveston County Rules on Swimming Pool Sanitation. Allowed under Ch.341.064 Health and Safety.	\$100.00
Pool Operator Class	Training class to help people better operate public swimming pools.	Pool operator class provided by health district personnel to meet requirements of GCHD swimming pool regulation.	\$20.00
Sexually Oriented Business Permit	Sexually oriented business permit fee.	Fee set by Commissioners Court for Sexually Oriented Businesses in unincorporated areas of the county under regulation passed by Commissioners Court.	\$1000.00

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Aids Poster	AIDS information Poster.	Small poster required to be available at the health district for use in SOB's under SOB regulation.	\$3.00
Rat Bait	Rat Bait to assist with community rodent control.	Half pound packages of rat bait to assist consumers with rodent control issues on their property	\$2.00
Wild Animal Registration	Registration fee for each wild animal allowed in the county within our jurisdiction.	Fee for registering each wild animal under our GCHD Animal control regulations. Fee is allowed under Chapter 822 of the Health and Safety Code.	\$50.00
Copies per page charge as referenced in the Public Information Act	Per Page copy charge.	Standard charge for copying records under our records policy.	\$0.10
Duplicate Permit Fee	Charge for copy of any permit issued under health district regulations.	Administrative fee	\$5.00

Animal Services

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Adoption Fee	Adoption including spay/neuter, rabies and micro	Fee for adopting animals under our GCHD Animal Services Policy. Fee is allowed under Chapter 828 of the Health and Safety Code.	\$85.00
Adoption Fee Seniors for Seniors Program	Reduced adoption fee for eligible seniors to adopt older animals. Includes spay/neuter, rabies and micro	Fee for adopting animals under our GCHD Animal Services Policy. Fee is allowed under Chapter 828 of the Health and Safety Code.	\$20.00
Impoundment First Time	Impoundment fees for animal first offense	Fee for the impoundment of an animal under the GCHD Animal Services Policy. Fee is allowed under Chapter 826 of the Health and Safety Code	\$40.00 + Daily Board
Impoundment Second Time	Impoundment fees for animal second offense	Fee for the impoundment of an animal under the GCHD Animal Services Policy. Fee is allowed under Chapter 826 of the Health and Safety Code	\$75.00 + Daily Board
Impoundment Third Time	Impoundment fees for animal third offense	Fee for the impoundment of an animal under the GCHD Animal Services Policy. Fee is allowed under Chapter 826 of the Health and Safety Code	\$100.00 + Daily Board

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Daily Board	Boarding fee to cover expenses of housing animal	Fee for the daily boarding of an animal under the GCHD Animal Services Policy. Fee is allowed under Chapter 169 of the TAC	\$10.00
*Quarantine Impound	Quarantine for ten (10) days following animal to human bites	Fee for the impoundment of an animal under the GCHD Animal Services Policy. Fee is allowed under Chapter 826 of the Health and Safety Code.	\$150.00
Annual License Altered	Annual license fee for all altered animals	Fee for the annual licensing of an animal under the GCHD Animal Services Policy. Fee is allowed under Chapter 826 of the Health and Safety Code	\$5.00
Annual License Unaltered	Annual license fee for all unaltered animals	Fee for the annual licensing of an animal under the GCHD Animal Services Policy. Fee is allowed under Chapter 826 of the Health and Safety Code	\$30.00
Owner Surrender Optional Fee	Suggested donation for an owner surrender	Fee approved by Board of Health	\$30.00
*Head to Lab Rabies Suspect	Fee assessed for submittal of head to lab for rabies testing	Fee approved by Board of Health	\$150.00
Deposit – Large Animal Trap	Deposit required when using a Health District trap	Fee approved by Board of Health	\$300.00
Deposit – Small Animal	Deposit required when using	Fee approved by Board of Health	\$50.00

Trap	a Health District trap		
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Animal Euthanasia Course (non-GCHD Staff)	Health and Safety Code requirement for a person to euthanize an animal	Fee approved by Board of Health	\$40.00
Dangerous Dog Registration	Annual fee for the registration of a dangerous dog	Fee for the annual registration of dangerous dogs under the GCHD Animal Services Policy. Fee is allowed under Chapter 822.043 of the Health and Safety Code.	\$50.00

* Quarantine Impound or Head to Lab- Rabies Suspect fee will be waived based on a public health threat assessment or at the discretion of the Local Rabies Control Authority.

Public Health Laboratory

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Drinking Water	Fee assessed to test drinking waters	Fee approved by Board of Health	\$15.00
Biochemical Oxygen Demand	Fee assessed to test for BOD	Fee approved by Board of Health	\$12.00
Enterococci	Fee assessed to test for Enterococci	Fee approved by Board of Health	\$25.00