



Office of the City Manager

PUBLIC HEARING

May 19, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager

Submitted by: Scott Gilman, Director, Health, Housing & Community Services  
Department

Subject: Changes to the Environmental Health Fee Schedule

RECOMMENDATION

Conduct a public hearing and, upon conclusion, adopt a Resolution:

1. Approving revisions to the fee schedule for the Environmental Health Division (EHD) effective July 1, 2026, and,
2. Rescinding Resolution No. 71,354-N.S. effective July 1, 2026.

SUMMARY

The fees currently charged by the EHD have remained largely unchanged since 2011 while inflation has increased approximately 40%.

While additional facility categories and fees were added to the EHD fee schedule in 2016, 2021, and 2024 to reflect newly created categories of food facilities as defined in the California Retail Food Code (CRFC), existing fees were not updated or increased at those times. Medical marijuana dispensaries were added in 2016, microenterprise home kitchen operations were added in 2021, and compact mobile food operations were added in 2024. There have been no increases to any of these new fees.

The Health, Housing, and Community Services (HHCS) Department is proposing a new comprehensive fee structure (attached) needed to sustain EHD operations. The proposed fee structure and recommendations are based on a cost-of-service study, facilitated by third-party consultant, Wohlford Consulting.

The goals of this study included:

- Updating the current EHD fee structure to reflect actual work effort, complexity and cost of service; and
- Aligning the City's current permit and hourly fees with surrounding Bay Area Environmental Health jurisdictions; and

- Assessing fees based on the different levels of “risk” to the public associated with different facility risk profiles and establishing fees accordingly.

There are 139 proposed fees included in this recommendation. Below are examples and a comparison of other Bay Area jurisdictions for some of the most common fees. The table shows current and proposed fees for the City. Alameda County has not updated their fees since 2021.

**Table 1**  
**Fee Comparison (Annual rates) Between City of Berkeley & Bay Area Counties**

Facility Type	Berkeley Current	Berkeley Proposed	Alameda Effective 7/1/21	San Francisco Effective 7/1/25-6/30/26	Contra Costa Effective 6/24/25	Santa Clara Effective 1/15/2026	San Mateo Effective 1/1/25
Full-Service Restaurant	\$704	\$1,004	\$998	\$1,103	\$2,132	\$2,281	\$2,460
Retail Grocery Store (15,000 sq ft)	\$1,409	\$1,780	\$589	\$1,358	\$2,249	\$1,001	\$1,524
Fast-Food Franchise (standardized practices)	\$1,171	\$1,325	\$1,194	\$1,664	\$1,823	\$1,549	\$1,938
High-Risk Pool/Spa	\$704	\$1,155	\$891	\$842	\$1,581	\$1,292	\$1,244
Body Art Facility	\$366	\$810	\$435	\$1,773	\$871	\$845	\$778

**FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION**

The proposed fee structure is designed to move the EHD toward a sustainable cost-recovery model. Currently, the City subsidizes EHD’s operating budget by approximately \$980,000 in General Fund resources annually.

As summarized in Table 2 below, adopting the new fee structure will:

- Generate Revenue:** Increase annual EHD revenue by approximately \$666,663 in FY 27 (with an annual consumer price index adjustment).
- Expand Capacity:** Provide the resources to hire two (2) additional inspectors (increasing staff from 4 FTE to 6 FTE) to be able to perform required inspections in a timely manner.
- Modernize Operations:** Increased staffing will also support a public-facing placard program and the transition to the Accela Civic Platform.

- Fiscal Relief: Reduce the General Fund subsidy by approximately \$229,960 annually once the placard program is fully implemented.

**Table 2  
New Fee Structure**

5-year projection:	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031
<b>Revenue increase</b>	\$666,663	\$686,663	\$707,263	\$728,481	\$750,335
<b>Ongoing Exp Increase 2 FTE</b>	\$436,703	\$447,621	\$458,811	\$470,281	\$482,038
<b>Additional General Fund Revenue (Rev-Exp):</b>	\$229,960	\$239,042	\$248,452	\$258,200	\$268,297

With respect to the 2 additional FTE staff, HHCS anticipates hiring them in FY 2027, after submitting the request as part of the AAO#1 process.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The City Auditor issued a report on July 10, 2024, Berkeley Restaurant Inspections: Chronically Understaffed Program Did Not Meet Targets<sup>1</sup>. The staffing shortage referenced in the report has prevented the Environmental Health Division (EHD) from meeting its essential inspection targets, potentially compromising food inspection oversight.

These findings were further substantiated by a comprehensive cost-of-service study and time-study analysis conducted by Wohlford Consulting. The analysis revealed the following:

- Staffing Gap: Based on a baseline of 4,533 total annual inspections and a standard of 697 inspections per Full-Time Equivalent (FTE), the City requires 6 FTEs to meet its targets. EHD currently only has 4 FTEs dedicated to inspections, resulting in a 2 FTE staffing deficit.
- Budgetary Subsidy: Because inspection fees have remained largely flat since 2011, the City’s General Fund currently subsidizes EHD operations by approximately \$980,000 annually.
- Technological Needs: EHD is currently burdened by additional costs associated with transitioning from its legacy software (Envision Connect) to the Accela Civic Platform, a necessary move to improve data accuracy and customer service.

<sup>1</sup> [https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Berkeley\\_Restaurant\\_Inspections\\_-\\_Chronically\\_Understaffed\\_Program\\_Did\\_Not\\_Meet\\_Targets.pdf](https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Berkeley_Restaurant_Inspections_-_Chronically_Understaffed_Program_Did_Not_Meet_Targets.pdf)

To address the issues outlined above, the proposed fee schedule has been proposed for City Council consideration. If adopted by the City Council, this comprehensive fee update will allow the City to adequately staff the food facility inspection program, improve transparency through placarding, and ultimately reduce the General Fund burden by approximately \$229,960 annually.

New fees are proposed to go into effect on July 1, 2026, which does not impact current facility operators for calendar year 2026. Since permit fee invoicing occurs on a calendar year basis (typically in December for the following calendar year), current operators have already been billed for calendar year 2026. The new proposed fees would impact new facilities beginning operations on, or after, July 1, 2026. Facility owners will be notified of the fee changes/increases by US Mail, within two weeks of Council adoption, to allow for ample planning in advance. In addition, environmental health inspectors will notify facility operators in person during regular inspections, after Council adoption of new fees.

### BACKGROUND

The EHD administers various public health programs. These programs rely primarily upon fees for their operation and fall into two main categories:

1. State-Mandated Programs (Fee-Supported)
  - Retail Food Safety Inspection Program
  - Public Pool and Spa Inspection Program
  - Tattoo and Body Piercing Registration Program
  
2. Local Programs (Required by Berkeley Municipal Code) are funded by grants, assessment district proceeds, or City special revenue funds.
  - Vector Control Program
  - Styrofoam Ban
  - Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program
  - Restaurant Stormwater Protection Inspection Program
  - Sewer Emergency Response Program
  - Tobacco Licensing Program
  - Water Quality Monitoring Program (for the Aquatic Park, as an additional public health inspection service)

### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

Adjusting fees for the EHD programs will not negatively impact sustainability and climate impact goals. Several programs administered by the EHD support the City's sustainability efforts.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

When fees are not regularly adjusted to keep pace with costs, service delivery becomes subsidized through other means. Over time, if left uncorrected, this will add to the structural budget deficit or force reductions in service time and quality. The fee changes proposed in this action would properly charge currently permitted businesses and prospective applicants for the expected costs of providing those services, without reducing the timeliness or efficiency of the services provided.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Council could consider not approving the fee increases; however, this would increase health and safety risk.

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

Exhibit A: Proposed New Environmental Health Fee schedule

2: Public Hearing Notice

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

FEE SCHEDULE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REGULATION AND  
INSPECTIONS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

WHEREAS, Environmental Health program fees are intended to cover the actual costs of permit and inspection services; and

WHEREAS, the present fees for retail food facilities, recreational health, body art, and tobacco retail licenses have remained largely unchanged since 2011, while inflation has increased by approximately 40% during the same period; and

WHEREAS, a 2024 City Auditor report and a 2025 cost-of-service study confirmed that the Environmental Health Division (EHD) is understaffed by 2.0 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE), preventing the City from meeting mandated inspection targets; and

WHEREAS, the City currently subsidizes EHD operations by approximately \$980,000 annually from the General Fund due to the gap between current fee revenue and the actual cost of service; and

WHEREAS, Council previously adopted Resolutions 67,495 (2016), 69,891 (2021), and 71,354 (2024) to add new facility categories, but these actions did not increase existing fee rates to keep pace with rising staffing and operational costs; and

WHEREAS, the EHD is undergoing a necessary transition to the Accela Civic Platform and intends to implement a public-facing placard program to increase data accuracy and public transparency; and

WHEREAS, the recommended adoption of the new fee structure will result in an estimated \$666,663 increase in annual revenue in FY 27, thereby reducing the General Fund subsidy of the EHD by approximately \$229,960 annually, and ensure the long-term sustainability of public health oversight.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that Resolution 71,354-N.S. is hereby rescinded effective June 30, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Proposed Annual Fees in the Fee Schedule for Environmental Health services, attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A, are hereby adopted to cover the costs of regulations and inspections required by the Berkeley Municipal Code and the California Retail Food Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be in full force and effect on and after July 1, 2026.

EXHIBITS

A: Proposed New Environmental Health Fee schedule

**Environmental Health Division Fee Schedule  
HEALTH AND SANITATION PERMIT AND FEE SCHEDULE**

**FOOD PROGRAM FEES**

Fee Title	Risk Category	Unit	Capacity	Current Fees	Proposed Fees
Onsite Food/Beverage	1-4	Sq ft	0-1000	\$704	\$1,004
Onsite Food/Beverage	1-2	Sq ft	1001-2500	\$870	\$1,354
Onsite Food/Beverage	1-2	Sq ft	2501-5000	\$1,171	\$1,704
Onsite Food/Beverage	1-2	Sq ft	5001-7500	\$1,461	\$2,054
Onsite Food/Beverage	1-2	Sq ft	7500 & Over	\$1,738	\$2,404
Onsite Food/Beverage	3 & 4	Sq ft	1001-2500	\$870	\$1,554
Onsite Food/Beverage	3 & 4	Sq ft	2501-5000	\$1,171	\$1,904
Onsite Food/Beverage	3 & 4	Sq ft	5001-7500	\$1,461	\$2,254
Onsite Food/Beverage	3 & 4	Sq ft	7500 & Over	\$1,738	\$2,604
Onsite Food/Beverage: Add-on Secondary Operation (Same owner/location)	1	Sq ft	0-1000	\$0	\$382
Onsite Food/Beverage: Add-on Secondary Operation for each additional 1000 sq ft. (Same owner/location)	1	Sq ft	up to 1000	\$0	\$382
Onsite Food/Beverage: Add-on Secondary Operation (Same owner/location)	2	Sq ft	0-1000	\$0	\$742
Onsite Food/Beverage: Add-on Secondary Operation for each additional 1000 sq ft. (Same owner/location)	2	Sq ft	up to 1000	\$0	\$742
Onsite Food/Beverage: Add-on Secondary Operation (Same owner/location)	3 & 4	Sq ft	0-1000	\$0	\$1,179
Onsite Food/Beverage: Add-on Secondary Operation for each additional 1000 sq ft. (Same owner/location)	3 & 4	Sq ft	up to 1000	\$0	\$1,179
No Onsite Food/Beverage Prep - Prepackaged Non-PHF	1	Sq ft	0-1000	\$355	\$450
No Onsite Food/Beverage Prep - Prepackaged Non-PHF	1	Sq ft	1001-2500	\$519	\$606
No Onsite Food/Beverage Prep - Prepackaged Non-PHF	1	Sq ft	2501-5000	\$813	\$762
No Onsite Food/Beverage Prep - Prepackaged Non-PHF	1	Sq ft	5001-7500	\$1,109	\$918
No Onsite Food/Beverage Prep - Prepackaged Non-PHF	1	Sq ft	7500 & Over	\$1,409	\$1,074
No Onsite Food/Beverage Prep - Prepackaged PHF	2-3	Sq ft	0-1000	\$519	\$735
No Onsite Food/Beverage Prep - Prepackaged PHF	2-3	Sq ft	1001-2500	\$704	\$1,020
No Onsite Food/Beverage Prep - Prepackaged PHF	2-3	Sq ft	2501-5000	\$980	\$1,305

Fee Title	Risk Category	Unit	Capacity	Current Fees	Proposed Fees
No Onsite Food/Beverage Prep - Prepackaged PHF	2-3	Sq ft	5001-7500	\$1,280	\$1,590
No Onsite Food/Beverage Prep - Prepackaged PHF	2-3	Sq ft	7500 & Over	\$1,571	\$1,875
No Onsite Food/Beverage Prep: Add-on Secondary Operation Prepackaged PHF/non PHF (same owner/location)	1-3	Sq ft	0-1000	\$0	\$362
No Onsite Food/Beverage Prep: Add-on Secondary Operation Prepackaged PHF/non PHF for each additional 1000 sq ft. (same owner/location)	1-3	Sq ft	up to 1000	\$0	\$362
Minimal Onsite Food/Beverage Prep - single owner grocery store style operation in any risk category. Facilities with multiple onsite food prep add-on stations do NOT qualify.	1-2	Sq ft	0-1000	\$355	\$519
Minimal Onsite Food/Beverage Prep - single owner grocery store style operation in any risk category. Facilities with multiple onsite food prep add-on stations do NOT qualify.	1-2	Sq ft	1001-2500	\$519	\$675
Minimal Onsite Food/Beverage Prep - single owner grocery store style operation in any risk category. Facilities with multiple onsite food prep add-on stations do NOT qualify.	1-2	Sq ft	2501-5000	\$813	\$831
Minimal Onsite Food/Beverage Prep - single owner grocery store style operation in any risk category. Facilities with multiple onsite food prep add-on stations do NOT qualify.	1-2	Sq ft	5001-7500	\$1,109	\$987
Minimal Onsite Food/Beverage Prep - single owner grocery store style operation in any risk category. Facilities with multiple onsite food prep add-on stations do NOT qualify.	1-2	Sq ft	7500 & Over	\$1,409	\$1,143
Commissary - Prepackaged Only	1-3	Annual	1	\$355	\$572
Commissary - with Food Prep	1-3	Annual	1	\$704	\$921
Motorized Mobile - prepackaged non-PHF only	1	Annual	1	\$131	\$258
Motorized Mobile	1	Annual	1	\$406	\$534
Motorized Mobile	2	Annual	1	\$704	\$942
Motorized Mobile	3	Annual	1	\$704	\$1,388
Non-motorized Mobile - prepackaged non-PHF only	1	Annual	1	\$0	\$258
Non-motorized Mobile	1	Annual	1	\$0	\$534
Non-motorized Mobile	2	Annual	1	\$0	\$942
Non-motorized Mobile	3	Annual	1	\$0	\$1,388
Compact Mobile Food Operation (CMFO)	1	Sq ft	more than 25	\$131	\$527
Compact Mobile Food Operation (CMFO)	2	Sq ft	more than 25	\$406	\$942
Compact Mobile Food Operation (CMFO)	3	Sq ft	more than 25	\$704	\$1,380

Fee Title	Risk Category	Unit	Capacity	Current Fees	Proposed Fees
Mobile Support Unit	1-3	Annual	1	\$0	\$472
Special Event Application Review Fee - One Day event (4 or less vendors/event NTE 4 hours, fee per vendor, onsite inspection optional)	N/A	Event	4 Vendors max, NTE 4 hours	\$0	\$117
Late Fee - Special Event Application Submission (less than 14 days before event)	N/A	Event	N/A	\$170	\$188
TFF Reinspection Fee - Next Day (1 hr min, 1/4 hr increments thereafter)	N/A	1/4 hour	1 hour min	\$0	\$250
Special Event Coordinator Permit (event with 2-4 vendors per location, 2 days max)	N/A	Event	2 to 4 Vendors	\$182	\$375
Special Event Coordinator Permit (event with 5-10 vendors per location, 2 days max)	N/A	Event	5 to 10 Vendors	\$182	\$500
Special Event Coordinator Permit - Add-on for up to 5 vendors, 2 days max	N/A	Vendor	Up to 5	\$182	\$92
Special Event - Add-on Additional Days (up to 3 consecutive days for all Vendors/Coords)	1	Day	Up to 3	\$0	\$158
Special Event - Add-on Additional Days (up to 3 consecutive days for all Vendors/Coords)	2 & 3	Day	Up to 3	\$0	\$170
Special Event Food/Beverage Vendor/Booth - Unopened prepackaged non-PHF only	1	Event	1	\$44	\$250
Special Event Food/Beverage Vendor/Booth - Unopened prepackaged PHF	2 & 3	Event	1	\$98	\$554
Special Event Food/Beverage Vendor/Booth	1	Event	1	\$44	\$125
Special Event Food/Beverage Vendor/Booth	2	Event	1	\$182	\$250
Special Event Food/Beverage Vendor/Booth	3	Event	1	\$182	\$375
Farmer's/Flea Market - Annual Permit - prepackaged non-PHF - sampling only - Vendor/Booth	1	Annual	1	\$44	\$44
Farmer's/Flea Market - Annual Permit - Vendor/Booth	1	Annual	1	\$406	\$500
Farmer's/Flea Market - Annual Permit - Limited preparation only - Vendor/Booth	2	Annual	1	\$546	\$625
Farmer's/Flea Market - Annual Permit - Full preparation - Vendor/Booth	3	Annual	1	\$546	\$750
Seasonal Temporary Permit - prepackaged non-PHF only (Vendors)	1	Day	30-90	\$250	\$125

## Environmental Health Division Fee Schedule

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Fee Title	Risk Category	Unit	Capacity	Current Fees	Proposed Fees
Seasonal Temporary Permit (Vendors)	1	Day	30-90	\$250	\$250
Seasonal Temporary Permit (Vendors)	2	Day	30-90	\$250	\$375
Seasonal Temporary Permit (Vendors)	3	Day	30-90	\$250	\$500
Guest Vendor/Short Term Food Event - prepackaged non-PHF only	1	Vendor	1	\$546	\$546
Guest Vendor/Short Term Food Event	1	Vendor	1	\$546	\$646
Guest Vendor/Short Term Food Event	2	Vendor	1	\$546	\$812
Guest Vendor/Short Term Food Event	3	Vendor	1	\$546	\$977
Nonprofit/Charitable TFF	1-3	Event	1	\$0	\$0
Itinerant Restaurant /TFF	1	Annual	1	\$0	\$668
Itinerant Restaurant /TFF	2	Annual	1	\$0	\$719
Itinerant Restaurant /TFF	3	Annual	1	\$0	\$755
Summer School Food - Annual Permit	1-3	Annual	1	\$0	\$250
Bed and Breakfast - Annual Permit	1 & 2	Annual	1	\$432	\$503
Cottage Food - Class A - Annual Permit	1	Annual	1	\$170	\$300
Cottage Food - Class B - Annual Permit	1	Annual	1	\$425	\$597
MEHKO - Annual Permit	1-3	Annual	1	\$510	\$603
MEHKO Application Fee/Plan Check (1 hr min)		Hour	1 hr min	\$182	\$250
Foragers/Gleaners	1 & 2	Annual	1	\$0	\$250
Congregate Living with Contracted Food Service	1	Sq ft	0-500	\$432	\$534
Congregate Living with Contracted Food Service	2	Sq ft	0-500	\$432	\$979
Congregate Living with Contracted Food Service	3	Sq ft	0-500	\$432	\$1,400
Congregate Living with Contracted Food Service - Add-on	1-3	Sq ft	500	\$0	\$112
Congregate Living with Contracted Food Service	4	Sq ft	0-500	\$432	\$1,367
Congregate Living with Contracted Food Service - Add-on	4	Sq ft	500	\$0	\$220
Shared-Use Facility Secondary Permit- Common Area/Equip OR Remote Storage (no Food Prep)	1-3	Facility	1	\$0	\$572
Shared-Use Facility Secondary Permit - Satellite or Remote Storage (ltd food prep/food removed from packaging)	1	Facility		\$0	\$624
Shared-Use Facility Secondary Permit - Satellite	2	Facility		\$0	\$851
Shared-Use Facility Kitchen Coordinator Permit	3	Facility	1	\$0	\$453
Limited-Service Charitable Food Operation	1 & 2	Annual	1	\$0	\$250
Food Bank/Donation Pantries	1	Annual	1	\$0	\$500

Fee Title	Risk Category	Unit	Capacity	Current Fees	Proposed Fees
Vending Machines	1	Machine	up to 5	\$52	\$383
Vending Machines	2	Machine	up to 5	\$52	\$402
Vending Machines	3	Machine	up to 5	\$52	\$458
Vending Machines - Add-on	1-3	Machine	up to 5	\$52	\$98
Food Safety Class (1 hr min)	N/A	1 hour	Actual	\$0	\$250

**RECREATIONAL HEALTH PROGRAM FEES**

Fee Title	Risk Category	Unit	Capacity	Current Fees	Proposed Fees
Seasonal Pool/Spa	1	Annual	1	\$182-\$704	\$503
Seasonal Pool/Spa - Add-on	1	Annual	1	\$0	\$462
Seasonal Pool/Spa	2	Annual	1	\$182-\$704	\$648
Seasonal Pool/Spa - Add-on	2	Annual	1	\$0	\$616
Seasonal Pool/Spa	3	Annual	1	\$182-\$704	\$1,148
Seasonal Pool/Spa - Add-on	3	Annual	1	\$0	\$849
Year-Round Pool/Spa	1	Annual	1	\$182-\$704	\$551
Year-Round Pool/Spa - Add-on	1	Annual	1	\$0	\$550
Year-Round Pool/Spa	2	Annual	1	\$182-\$704	\$649
Year-Round Pool/Spa - Add-on	2	Annual	1	\$0	\$552
Year-Round Pool/Spa	3	Annual	1	\$182-\$704	\$1,155
Year-Round Pool/Spa - Add-on	3	Annual	1	\$0	\$753

**BODY ART PROGRAM FEES**

Fee Title	Risk Category	Unit	Capacity	Current Fees	Proposed Fees
Body Art Facility - Annual Permit	N/A	Annual	1	\$366	\$810
Body Art Practitioners - Annual Permit	N/A	Annual	1	\$85	\$300

**CANNABIS FEES**

Fee Title	Risk Category	Unit	Capacity	Current Fees	Proposed Fees
Cannabis - Cultivation - Annual Permit	N/A	Sq ft	0-500	\$704	\$375
Cannabis - Distribution - Annual Permit	N/A	Sq ft	0-1,000	\$355	\$250

Fee Title	Risk Category	Unit	Capacity	Current Fees	Proposed Fees
Cannabis - Manufacturer - Edibles - Annual Permit - Annual Permit	N/A	Sq ft	0-500	\$463	\$375
Cannabis - Manufacturer - Non-volatile manufacturing - Annual Permit	N/A	Sq ft	0-500	\$704	\$375
Cannabis - Manufacturer - Volatile - Annual Permit	N/A	Sq ft	0-500	\$704	\$375
Cannabis - Retailer - Lounge - Annual Permit	N/A	Sq ft	0-500	\$704	\$250
Cannabis - Retailer - Non-Storefront - Annual Permit	N/A	Sq ft	0-1,000	\$355	\$125
Cannabis - Retailer - Storefront - Annual Permit	N/A	Sq ft	0-1,000	\$355	\$250
Cultivation, Manufacturing, and Lounge facilities: Add On - Annual	N/A	Sq ft	500	\$46	\$125
Cultivation, Manufacturing, and Lounge facilities: Add On - Annual	N/A	Sq ft	1000	\$116	\$125
Cannabis - Complaints/follow-up Inspections	N/A	1/4 hour	Actual	\$457	\$500

**NOISE-AMPLIFIED SOUND**

Fee Title	Risk Category	Unit	Capacity	Current Fees	Proposed Fees
Noise - Amplified Sound Permit (1-2 day event)	N/A	Event	1	\$44	\$250
Noise - Amplified Sound Permit - Add-on per day (3+)	N/A	Day	3	\$75	\$75
Noise-Amplified Sound Permit Variance	N/A	Event	1	\$182	\$500
Sound Survey - Onsite visit (3 hours min, 1/4 hr increments thereafter)	N/A	1/4 hour	Actual	\$340	\$750
Sound Survey - Onsite visit After Business Hours (3 hours min, 1/4 hr increments thereafter)	N/A	1/4 hour	Actual	\$340	\$911

**PLAN CHECK**

Fee Title	Risk Category	Unit	Capacity	Current Fees	Proposed Fees
Plan Check-Structural Evaluation Review of Unpermitted Facility (1 hr min, 1/4 hr increments thereafter)	N/A	1/4 hour	Actual	\$170	\$431
Plan Check Consultation (1/4 hr increments)	N/A	1/4 hour	Actual	\$45	\$63
Plan Check - New Construction or Major remodel (4 hr min, 1/4 hr increments thereafter)	N/A	1/4 hour	4 hr min	\$680	\$1,494
Plan Check - Remodel or Retrofit Currently Permitted or Minor Project (2 hour min, 1/4 hr increments thereafter)	N/A	1/4 hour	2 hr min	\$340	\$871
Plan Check - Accelerated Add-on Fee (2 hr min)	N/A	Each	2 hr min	\$340	\$430

Fee Title	Risk Category	Unit	Capacity	Current Fees	Proposed Fees
Plan Check -Equip/Menu/specs Review (1/2 hour minimum, 1/4 hr increments thereafter, each machine separately)	N/A	1/4 hour	1/2 hr min	\$0	\$125
Plan Check- food Automation/Robotics/Mechanized Prep (each machine separately)	N/A	1/4 hour	Actual	\$0	\$540

**OTHER PROGRAMS**

Fee Title	Risk Category	Unit	Capacity	Current Fees	Proposed Fees
Tobacco - Annual Retail License	N/A	Annual	1	\$498	\$533
Facility Permit - Reprinting Fee	N/A	Each	1	\$44	\$44
Compost - Sanitary Requirements	N/A	Each	¼ hr	\$182	\$62.50
Demolition Site Permits (1 hour min, 1/4 hr increments thereafter)	N/A	Each	1	\$182	\$250
Greywater/Rain Catch Basin (non-food, 4 hour min, 1/4 hr increments thereafter)	N/A	1/4 hour	Actual	\$680	\$1,014
Water - Water Sampling - Non-City facilities	N/A	Facility	1	\$182	\$356
Lead - Contractor Verification (per job; exterior)	N/A	Each	Actual	\$0	\$525
Lead - Onsite XRF inspection (1/4 hr increments)	N/A	1/4 hour	Actual	\$0	\$139

**ENFORCEMENT/COMPLAINT**

Fee Title	Risk Category	Unit	Capacity	Current Fees	Proposed Fees
Investigation-Non-Food- No Valid Permit (1/4 hr increments)	N/A	1/4 hour	Actual	\$0	\$484
Investigation - Food - No Valid Permit: up to 3 times annual permit fee	N/A	Each		\$0	\$450
Admin Hearing (1 hour minimum, 1/4 hr increments thereafter)	N/A	1/4 hour	Actual	\$340	\$250
Reinspection Fee (Enforcement, 1 hour min, 1/4 hr increments thereafter)	N/A	1/4 hour	Actual	\$130	\$250
Re-Opening Facility following non-compliance closure (1 hour min, 1/4 hr increments thereafter)	N/A	1/4 hour	Actual	\$198	\$250
Deposition/Expert Witness Fee	N/A	Each	1	\$175	\$175
Service in Excess of Standard (1/4 hr increments)	N/A	1/4 hour	Actual	\$119	\$63
Enforcement/Follow-up Confirmed Complaint Investigation. For-Cause Reinspection (1/2 hr minimum, 1/4 hr increments thereafter)	N/A	1/4 hour	Actual	\$198	\$125

**OTHER SERVICES**

Fee Title	Risk Category	Unit	Capacity	Current Fees	Proposed Fees
Food Facility - FOG Inspection	N/A			\$0	\$268
Food Facility - Stormwater Inspection: Chargeable Follow-up (1/4 hour min, 1/4 hr increments thereafter)	N/A	1/4 hour	Actual	\$0	\$63
Healthy Check-out Program Visit (1/4 hr increments thereafter)	N/A	1/4 hour	Actual	\$0	\$63

**HOURLY RATES**

Fee Title	Risk Category	Unit	Capacity	Current Fees	Proposed Fees
EH Staff Hourly Rate	N/A	Hour	Actual	\$170	\$250

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL  
CHANGES TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FEE SCHEDULE**

**The public may participate in this hearing by remote video or in-person.**

Notice is hereby given by the City Council of the City of Berkeley that a public hearing will be conducted by said city council of the City of Berkeley at which time and place all persons may attend and be heard upon the following:

The Department of Health, Housing, and Community Services is proposing to increase permit and inspection fees for facilities in Berkeley under the jurisdiction of the City of Berkeley's Environmental Health Division, including food program fees, recreation health program fees, body art program fees, cannabis fees, noise-amplified sound, plan check, enforcement/complaint, hourly rates, and other programs and services.

The hearing will be held on **May 19, 2026**, at 6:00 p.m. in the School District Board Room, located at 1231 Addison Street, Berkeley CA 94702.

For further information, please contact Scott Gilman, Department Director at 510-981-5100.

A copy of the agenda material for this hearing will be available on the City's website at <https://berkeleyca.gov/> as of May 7, 2026. **Once posted, the agenda for this meeting will include a link for public participation using Zoom video technology, as well as any health and safety requirements for in-person attendance.**

Written comments should be mailed or delivered directly to the City Clerk, 2180 Milvia Street, Berkeley, CA 94704, or e-mailed to [council@berkeleyca.gov](mailto:council@berkeleyca.gov) in order to ensure delivery to all Councilmembers and inclusion in the agenda packet.

Communications to the Berkeley City Council are public record and will become part of the City's electronic records, which are accessible through the City's website. **Please note: e-mail addresses, names, addresses, and other contact information are not required, but if included in any communication to the City Council, will become part of the public record.** If you do not want your e-mail address or any other contact information to be made public, you may deliver communications via U.S. Postal Service or in person to the City Clerk. If you do not want your contact information included in the public record, please do not include that information in your communication. Please contact the City Clerk at (510) 981-6900 or [clerk@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:clerk@cityofberkeley.info) for further information.

If you challenge the above in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Berkeley at, or prior to, the public hearing. Background information concerning this proposal will be available at the City Clerk Department and posted on the City of Berkeley webpage at least 12 days prior to the public hearing.

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I hereby certify that the Notice for this Public Hearing of the Berkeley City Council was posted at the display case located near the walkway in front of the Maudelle Shirek Building, 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, as well as on the City's website, on May 7, 2026.

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Mark Numainville, City Clerk