



Office of the City Manager

PUBLIC HEARING

October 13, 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: Revisions to the Approved 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 October 13, 2026, and,
2. Rescinding Resolution No. 72,308 N.S. effective October 13, 2026.

SUMMARY

Council approved the Environmental Health Fee Schedule on June 9, 2026. However, staff discovered minor discrepancies when uploading the Fee Schedule into the new database system. Some facility types were consolidated in the initial Fee Schedule matrix and were erroneously included in a higher payment category. The revised Fee Schedule table below includes lower fees for smaller facilities. None of the fees approved by Council on June 9, 2026, are proposed to increase, apart from new fees added to the Food Program and Noise-Amplified Sound Program.

There are a total of 198 fees included in this recommendation. Of these, a total of 59 fees are proposed to change; 33 are being reduced from the amounts approved by Council on June 9, while 26 are either new or increasing due to the fee type, risk category, and square footage.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The proposed fee structure is designed to move the EHD toward a sustainable cost-recovery model. Prior to FY27, the City subsidized EHD's operating budget by approximately \$980,000 in General Fund resources annually.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

New fees are proposed to go into effect on October 13, 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, October 13, 2026.

BACKGROUND

Council approved the Environmental Health Fee Schedule on June 9, 2026. However, some facility types were consolidated in the initial Fee Schedule matrix and were erroneously included in a higher payment category. The revised Fee Schedule table includes minor adjustments from the new fee structure approved by Council on June 9, 2026. These adjustments include 33 reduced fees for smaller and/or lower risk facilities, as well as 26 new or slightly increased fees. All fee changes are **in bold**. The comprehensive fee structure (attached) is needed to sustain EHD operations.

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.
 - Community Noise Ordinance
 - 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

Staff discovered minor discrepancies when uploading the Fee Schedule into the new database system. A revised Fee Schedule (attached) was created to correctly categorize facility size and risk category types to the correct, corresponding fee structure. 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 adjustments; however, the health and safety of the Berkeley community would be put at significant risk without covering operating budget costs. Additionally, certain facilities would be paying an inflated rate for their annual health permit fee.

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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, Council approved the Environmental Health Fee Schedule on June 9, 2026, and adopted Resolution 72,308-N.S.; and

WHEREAS, Staff discovered minor discrepancies when uploading the Fee Schedule into the new database system; and

WHEREAS, Some facility types in the approved Fee Schedule were consolidated and erroneously included in a higher payment category; and

WHEREAS, The revised Fee Schedule table includes the adjusted reduced fees for smaller, lower-risk facilities as well as several new or increased fees; 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.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that Resolution 72,308-N.S. is hereby rescinded effective October 13, 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 October 13, 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	Sq ft	0-1000	\$1,004	\$517
Onsite Food/Beverage	1	Sq ft	1001-2500	\$1,354	\$576
Onsite Food/Beverage	1	Sq ft	2501-5000	\$1,704	\$635
Onsite Food/Beverage	1	Sq ft	5001-7500	\$2,054	\$694
Onsite Food/Beverage	1	Sq ft	7500 & Over	\$2,404	\$753
Onsite Food/Beverage	2	Sq ft	0-1000	\$1,004	\$933
Onsite Food/Beverage	2	Sq ft	1001-2500	\$1,354	\$1,031
Onsite Food/Beverage	2	Sq ft	2501-5000	\$1,704	\$1,129
Onsite Food/Beverage	2	Sq ft	5001-7500	\$2,054	\$1,227
Onsite Food/Beverage	2	Sq ft	7500 & Over	\$2,404	\$1,325
Onsite Food/Beverage	3 & 4	Sq ft	0-1000	\$1,004	\$1,004
Onsite Food/Beverage	3 & 4	Sq ft	1001-2500	\$1,554	\$1,554
Onsite Food/Beverage	3 & 4	Sq ft	2501-5000	\$1,904	\$1,904
Onsite Food/Beverage	3 & 4	Sq ft	5001-7500	\$2,254	\$2,254
Onsite Food/Beverage	3 & 4	Sq ft	7500 & Over	\$2,604	\$2,604
Onsite Food/Beverage: Add-on Secondary Operation (Same owner/location)	1	Sq ft	0-1000	\$382	\$382
Onsite Food/Beverage: Add-on Secondary Operation for each additional 1000 sq ft. (Same owner/location)	1	Sq ft	up to 1000	\$382	\$382
Onsite Food/Beverage: Add-on Secondary Operation (Same owner/location)	2	Sq ft	0-1000	\$742	\$742
Onsite Food/Beverage: Add-on Secondary Operation for each additional 1000 sq ft. (Same owner/location)	2	Sq ft	up to 1000	\$742	\$742
Onsite Food/Beverage: Add-on Secondary Operation (Same owner/location)	3 & 4	Sq ft	0-1000	\$1,179	\$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	\$1,179	\$1,179
No Onsite Food/Beverage Prep - Prepackaged Non-PHF	1	Sq ft	0-1000	\$450	\$450
No Onsite Food/Beverage Prep - Prepackaged Non-PHF	1	Sq ft	1001-2500	\$606	\$606
No Onsite Food/Beverage Prep - Prepackaged Non-PHF	1	Sq ft	2501-5000	\$762	\$762

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No Onsite Food/Beverage Prep - Prepackaged Non-PHF	1	Sq ft	5001-7500	\$918	\$918
No Onsite Food/Beverage Prep - Prepackaged Non-PHF	1	Sq ft	7500 & Over	\$1,074	\$1,074
No Onsite Food/Beverage Prep - Prepackaged PHF	2-3	Sq ft	0-1000	\$735	\$735
No Onsite Food/Beverage Prep - Prepackaged PHF	2-3	Sq ft	1001-2500	\$1,020	\$1,020
No Onsite Food/Beverage Prep - Prepackaged PHF	2-3	Sq ft	2501-5000	\$1,305	\$1,305
No Onsite Food/Beverage Prep - Prepackaged PHF	2-3	Sq ft	5001-7500	\$1,590	\$1,590
No Onsite Food/Beverage Prep - Prepackaged PHF	2-3	Sq ft	7500 & Over	\$1,875	\$1,875
No Onsite Food/Beverage Prep: Add-on Secondary Operation Prepackaged PHF/non PHF (same owner/location)	1-3	Sq ft	0-1000	\$362	\$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	\$362	\$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	\$519	\$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	\$675	\$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	\$831	\$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	\$987	\$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	\$1,143	\$1,143
Commissary - Prepackaged Only	1-3	Sq ft	0-1000	\$572	\$450
Commissary - Prepackaged Only	1-3	Sq ft	1001-2500	\$572	\$606
Commissary - Prepackaged Only	1-3	Sq ft	2501-5000	\$572	\$762
Commissary - Prepackaged Only	1-3	Sq ft	5001-7500	\$572	\$918
Commissary - Prepackaged Only	1-3	Sq ft	7500 & Over	\$572	\$1,074
Commissary - with Food Prep	1	Sq ft	0-1000	\$921	\$517
Commissary - with Food Prep	1	Sq ft	1001-2500	\$921	\$576
Commissary - with Food Prep	1	Sq ft	2501-5000	\$921	\$635
Commissary - with Food Prep	1	Sq ft	5001-7500	\$921	\$694

Commissary - with Food Prep	1	Sq ft	7500 & Over	\$921	\$753
Commissary - with Food Prep	2	Sq ft	0-1000	\$921	\$615
Commissary - with Food Prep	2	Sq ft	1001-2500	\$921	\$713
Commissary - with Food Prep	2	Sq ft	2501-5000	\$921	\$811
Commissary - with Food Prep	2	Sq ft	5001-7500	\$921	\$909
Commissary - with Food Prep	2	Sq ft	7500 & Over	\$921	\$1,007
Commissary - with Food Prep	3	Sq ft	0-1000	\$921	\$921
Commissary - with Food Prep	3	Sq ft	1001-2500	\$921	\$1,121
Commissary - with Food Prep	3	Sq ft	2501-5000	\$921	\$1,321
Commissary - with Food Prep	3	Sq ft	5001-7500	\$921	\$1,521
Commissary - with Food Prep	3	Sq ft	7500 & Over	\$921	\$1,721
Motorized Mobile - prepackaged non-PHF only	1	Annual	1	\$258	\$258
Motorized Mobile	1	Annual	1	\$534	\$534
Motorized Mobile	2	Annual	1	\$942	\$942
Motorized Mobile	3	Annual	1	\$1,388	\$1,388
Non-motorized Mobile - prepackaged non-PHF only	1	Annual	1	\$258	\$258
Non-motorized Mobile	1	Annual	1	\$534	\$534
Non-motorized Mobile	2	Annual	1	\$942	\$942
Non-motorized Mobile	3	Annual	1	\$1,388	\$1,388
Compact Mobile Food Operation (CMFO)	1	Annual	more than 25 sq ft	\$527	\$527
Compact Mobile Food Operation (CMFO)	2	Annual	1	\$942	\$942
Compact Mobile Food Operation (CMFO)	3	Annual		\$1,380	\$1,380
Mobile Support Unit	1-3	Annual	1	\$472	\$472
Special Event Coordinator Application Review Fee	N/A	Event	1	\$117	\$117
Special Event Coordinator Permit (event with 2-4 vendors per location, 2 days max)	N/A	Event	2 to 4 Vendors	\$375	\$258
Special Event Coordinator Permit (event with 5-10 vendors per location, 2 days max)	N/A	Event	5 to 10 Vendors	\$500	\$383
Special Event Coordinator Permit - Add-on for up to 5 vendors, 2 days max	N/A	Vendor	Up to 5	\$92	\$92
Special Event - Add-on Additional Days (up to 3 consecutive days for all Vendors/Coords)	1	Day	Up to 3	\$158	\$158

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Special Event - Add-on Additional Days (up to 3 consecutive days for all Vendors/Coords)	2 & 3	Day	Up to 3	\$170	\$170
Special Event Application Review Fee - One Day event fee per vendor)	N/A	Vendor	N/A	\$117	\$117
Late Fee - Special Event Application Submission (less than 30 days before event)	N/A	Event	N/A	\$188	\$188
TFF Reinspection Fee - Next Day (1 hr min, 1/4 hr increments thereafter)	N/A	1/4 hour	1 hour min	\$250	\$250
Special Event Food/Beverage Vendor/Booth - Unopened prepackaged non-PHF only	1	Event	1	\$250	\$63
Special Event Food/Beverage Vendor/Booth - Unopened prepackaged non-PHF only	1	Annual	1	n/a	\$252
Special Event Food/Beverage Vendor/Booth - Unopened prepackaged PHF	2 & 3	Event	1	\$554	\$125
Special Event Food/Beverage Vendor/Booth - Unopened prepackaged PHF	2 & 3	Annual	1	n/a	\$500
Special Event Food/Beverage Vendor/Booth Permit	1	Event	1	\$125	\$63
Special Event Food/Beverage Vendor/Booth Permit	1	Annual	1	n/a	\$252
Special Event Food/Beverage Vendor/Booth Permit	2	Event	1	\$250	\$125
Special Event Food/Beverage Vendor/Booth Permit	2	Annual	1	n/a	\$500
Special Event Food/Beverage Vendor/Booth Permit	3	Event	1	\$375	\$250
Special Event Food/Beverage Vendor/Booth Permit	3	Annual	1	n/a	\$1,000
Farmer's/Flea Market – Coordinator Application Review Fee	n/a	Annual	1	n/a	\$117
Farmer's/Flea Market – Coordinator Permit (per location)	n/a	Annual	1	n/a	\$117
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	\$500	\$252

Farmer's/Flea Market - Annual Permit - Limited preparation only - Vendor/Booth	2	Annual	1	\$625	\$500
Farmer's/Flea Market - Annual Permit - Full preparation - Vendor/Booth	3	Annual	1	\$750	\$750
Seasonal Temporary Permit - prepackaged non-PHF only (Vendors)	1	Seasonal	120 consecutive days	\$125	\$125
Seasonal Temporary Permit (Vendors)	1	Seasonal	120 consecutive days	\$250	\$250
Seasonal Temporary Permit (Vendors)	2	Seasonal	120 consecutive days	\$375	\$375
Seasonal Temporary Permit (Vendors)	3	Seasonal	120 consecutive days	\$500	\$500
Host Facility/Short Term Food Event	1-3	Day	1	n/a	\$113
Host Facility	1-3	Seasonal	120 consecutive days	n/a	\$227
Host Facility	1-3	Annual	1	n/a	\$453
Guest Vendor/Short Term Food Event (prepackaged and nonprepackaged non-PHF only)	1	Day	1	n/a	\$63
Guest Vendor/Short Term Food Event (prepackaged and nonprepackaged non-PHF only)	1	Seasonal	120 consecutive days	n/a	\$137
Guest Vendor/Short Term Food Event	2 & 3	Day	1	n/a	\$125
Guest Vendor/Short Term Food Event	2 & 3	Seasonal	120 consecutive days	n/a	\$244
Guest Vendor/Short Term Food Event - prepackaged non-PHF only	1	Annual/Vendor	1	\$546	\$546
Guest Vendor/Short Term Food Event – non-prepackaged non-PHF only; allows for sampling	1	Annual/Vendor	1	\$646	\$646
Guest Vendor/Short Term Food Event	2	Annual/Vendor	1	\$812	\$812
Guest Vendor/Short Term Food Event	3	Annual/Vendor	1	\$977	\$977
Nonprofit/Charitable TFF	1-3	Event	1	\$0	\$0
Seasonal MFF/ Itinerant Food Facility	1	120 consecutive days	1	\$668	\$178
Seasonal MFF/ Itinerant Food Facility	2	120 consecutive	1	\$719	\$314

		days			
Seasonal MFF/ Itinerant Food Facility	3	120 consecutive days	1	\$755	\$463
Summer School Food/Summer Lunch - Annual Permit	1-3	Annual	1	\$250	\$250
Private School – Annual Permit	1-3	Annual	1	\$432	\$933
Public School – Annual Permit	1-3	Annual	1	\$0	\$0
Bed and Breakfast - Annual Permit	1 & 2	Annual	1	\$503	\$503
Cottage Food - Class A - Annual Permit	1	Annual	1	\$300	\$300
Cottage Food - Class B - Annual Permit	1	Annual	1	\$597	\$597
MEHKO - Annual Permit	1-3	Annual	1	\$603	\$603
MEHKO Application Fee/Plan Check (1 hr min)		Hour	1 hr min	\$250	\$250
Foragers/Gleaners	1 & 2	Annual	1	\$250	\$250
Congregate Living with Contracted Food Service	1	Sq ft	0-1000	\$534	\$534
Congregate Living with Contracted Food Service	2	Sq ft	0-1000	\$979	\$979
Congregate Living with Contracted Food Service	3	Sq ft	0-1000	\$1,400	\$1,400
Congregate Living with Contracted Food Service - Add-on	1-3	Sq ft	1000	\$112	\$112
Congregate Living with Contracted Food Service	4	Sq ft	0-1000	\$1,367	\$1,367
Congregate Living with Contracted Food Service - Add-on	4	Sq ft	1000	\$220	\$220
Shared-Use Facility- Common Area/Equip OR Remote Storage (no Food Prep)	1-3	Facility	1	\$572	\$572
Shared-Use Facility Secondary Permit - Satellite or Remote Storage (ltd food prep/food removed from packaging)	1	Facility	1	\$624	\$624
Shared-Use Facility Secondary Permit - Satellite	2	Facility	1	\$851	\$851
Shared-Use Facility Kitchen Coordinator Permit	3	Facility	1	\$453	\$453
Limited-Service Charitable Food Operation	1 & 2	Annual	1	\$250	\$250
Food Bank/Donation Pantries	1	Annual	1	\$500	\$500
Vending Machines	1	Machine	up to 5	\$383	\$383
Vending Machines	2	Machine	up to 5	\$402	\$402
Vending Machines	3	Machine	up to 5	\$458	\$458
Vending Machines - Add-on	1-3	Machine	up to 5	\$98	\$98
Food Safety Class (1 hr min)	N/A	1 hour	Actual	\$250	\$250

RECREATIONAL HEALTH PROGRAM FEES

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

BODY ART PROGRAM FEES

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

CANNABIS FEES

Fee Title	Risk Category	Unit	Capacity	Current Fees	Proposed Fees
Cannabis - Cultivation - Annual Permit	N/A	Sq ft	0-1,000	\$375	\$375
Cannabis - Distribution - Annual Permit	N/A	Sq ft	0-1,000	\$250	\$250
Cannabis - Manufacturer - Edibles - Annual Permit - Annual Permit	N/A	Sq ft	0-1,000	\$375	\$375
Cannabis - Manufacturer - Non-volatile manufacturing - Annual Permit	N/A	Sq ft	0-1,000	\$375	\$375
Cannabis - Manufacturer - Volatile - Annual Permit	N/A	Sq ft	0-1,000	\$375	\$375
Cannabis - Retailer - Lounge - Annual Permit	N/A	Sq ft	0-1,000	\$250	\$250
Cannabis - Retailer - Non-Storefront - Annual Permit	N/A	Sq ft	0-1,000	\$125	\$125
Cannabis - Retailer - Storefront - Annual Permit	N/A	Sq ft	0-1,000	\$250	\$250
Cultivation, Manufacturing, and Lounge facilities: Add On - Annual	N/A	Sq ft	1000	\$125	\$125

Fee Title	Risk Category	Unit	Capacity	Current Fees	Proposed Fees
Cannabis - Complaints/follow-up Inspections	N/A	1/4 hour	Actual	\$500	\$500

NOISE-AMPLIFIED SOUND

Fee Title	Risk Category	Unit	Capacity	Current Fees	Proposed Fees
Noise - Amplified Sound Application Review (1-2 day event)	N/A	Event	1	\$0	\$125
Late Fee – Noise-Amplified Sound Application Submission (less than 30 days before event)	N/A	Event	1	\$0	\$188
Noise - Amplified Sound Permit (1-2 day event)	N/A	Event	1	\$250	\$125
Noise - Amplified Sound Permit - Add-on per day (3+)	N/A	Day	3	\$75	\$75
Noise-Amplified Sound Permit Variance	N/A	Event	1	\$500	\$500
Enforcement of BMC Noise Standard -Sound Survey - Onsite visit During Business Hours (3 hr min; ¼ hr increments thereafter)	N/A	1/4 hour	3 Hr Min; Actual	\$750	\$750
Enforcement of BMC Noise Standard -Sound Survey - Onsite visit After Business Hours (3 hr min; ¼ hr increments thereafter)	N/A	1/4 hour	3 Hr Min; Actual	\$911	\$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	1 hr min	\$431	\$431
Plan Check Consultation (1/4 hr increments)	N/A	1/4 hour	1/4 hr min	\$63	\$63
Plan Check - New Construction or Major remodel (4 hr min, 1/4 hr increments thereafter)	N/A	1/4 hour	4 hr min	\$1,494	\$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	\$871	\$871
Plan Check - Accelerated Add-on Fee (2 hr min)	N/A	Each	2 hr min	\$430	\$430
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	\$125	\$125
Plan Check- food Automation/Robotics/Mechanized Prep (2 hour minimum, 1/4 hr increments thereafter, each machine separately)	N/A	1/4 hour	2 hr min	\$540	\$540

OTHER PROGRAMS

Fee Title	Risk Category	Unit	Capacity	Current Fees	Proposed Fees
Tobacco - Annual Retail License	N/A	Annual	1	\$533	\$533
Facility Permit - Reprinting Fee	N/A	Each	1	\$44	\$44
Compost - Sanitary Requirements	N/A	Each	¼ hr	\$62.50	\$62.50
Demolition Site Permits (1 hour min, 1/4 hr increments thereafter)	N/A	Each	1	\$250	\$250
Greywater/Rain Catch Basin (non-food, 4 hour min, 1/4 hr increments thereafter)	N/A	1/4 hour	Actual	\$1,014	\$1,014
Water - Water Sampling - Non-City facilities	N/A	Facility	1	\$356	\$356
Lead - Contractor Verification (per job; exterior)	N/A	Each	Actual	\$525	\$525
Lead - Onsite XRF inspection (1/4 hr increments)	N/A	1/4 hour	Actual	\$139	\$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	\$484	\$484
Investigation - Food - No Valid Permit: up to 3 times annual permit fee	N/A	Each		\$450	\$450
Admin Hearing (1 hour minimum, 1/4 hr increments thereafter)	N/A	1/4 hour	Actual	\$250	\$250
Reinspection Fee (Enforcement, 1 hour min, 1/4 hr increments thereafter)	N/A	1/4 hour	Actual	\$250	\$250
Re-Opening Facility following non-compliance closure (1 hour min, 1/4 hr increments thereafter)	N/A	1/4 hour	Actual	\$250	\$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	\$63	\$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	\$125	\$125

OTHER SERVICES

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

Fee Title	Risk Category	Unit	Capacity	Current Fees	Proposed Fees
Healthy Check-out Program Visit (1/4 hr increments thereafter)	N/A	1/4 hour	Actual	\$63	\$63

HOURLY RATES

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

The hearing will be held on **October 13, 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 October 1, 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 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 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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Mark Numainville, City Clerk