

## **Proposed Hennepin County mobile food and short-term license fee increases**

### **Certain food license fees will be going up in 2020**

- Our regular short-term food license fee for vendors at temporary events will go from \$60 to \$90. The \$10 fee for each additional day will stay the same.
- The low risk short-term food license fee will go from \$30 to \$45. The \$10 fee for each additional day will stay the same.
- The mobile food unit reciprocity license fee will go from \$60 to \$150.

### **Rationale for food license fee increases**

- Each year, the Hennepin County Board of Health determines the cost of each license category
- The most significant factor that impacts food license category costs is staff costs
- Staff costs include the time staff spend on inspections, complaint investigations, 24/7 emergency response, foodborne outbreak investigations, education, and other services
- The board also compares our services and costs to other counties and cities to ensure we're in the same range
- The board approved license fee increases because the current license fees do not cover all of our costs – a portion of our staff costs are being supported by Hennepin County property taxes and state and federal grants

### **Public hearing on license fee increases**

Hennepin County is committed to providing the best possible services to its customers at the lowest possible cost.

There is a public hearing about the license fee increases on Thursday, October 24, 2019, from 9 a.m. – noon, at the Hennepin County Government Center, 24<sup>th</sup> floor (County Board Room) for those who are interested in hearing more or who would like to comment.

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