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, 24th floor (County Board Room) for those who are interested in hearing more or who would like to comment.

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