



County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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Dr. Ken Bird, Health Officer

Date: May 1, 2018
To: Facility Owner
From: Department of Public Health
Re: Health Permit Fee Increase

This letter is to notify you as a facility owner that the Department of Public Health – Environmental Health Division will be requesting an increase in the cost of health permit fees. As you are aware, the Department is mandated by state and federal law to perform inspections and provide other services to protect public health. The cost of doing those inspections and services is primarily funded by health permit fees. While the Department strives to be as efficient and cost conscious as possible in fulfilling this mandate the current fee rates do not sufficiently cover program costs.

The County has not raised health permit fees since 2006 despite the continuous rise in the cost of providing services. A recent cost study showed that current health permit rates would need to increase 24% to 33% to cover program costs. We understand the strain such a steep increase can put on you when done suddenly and as a result, our aim is to gradually increase health permit fees by prorating the increase over three years with an increase of 8% to 11% each year. The fee increase, if approved, shall be effective 30 days after Board of Supervisors' approval.

You are invited to attend a public forum at the following location and times to hear details regarding the fee increase:

UC Merced Fresno Center
550 E Shaw Suite #105
Fresno CA 93710

Wednesday May 23rd from 1:30 to 2:30 pm
Thursday May 24th from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.

The proposed fee increase will be presented before the Fresno County Board of Supervisors on 06/12/18. You are welcome to attend this public meeting as well.

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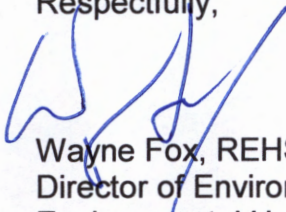
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The facilities, businesses and the Department have a common goal of keeping the citizens of Fresno County safe and healthy. Fee increases are one part of maintaining that arrangement and making sure the safe environment we have built continues to thrive.

Please visit our web site at www.co.fresno.ca.us/departments/public-health/environmental-health to review a copy of the proposed fee increases. If you have any questions please contact our office at (559) 600-3357.

Respectfully,



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