

Ordinance No. 19-2024

Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 52-2023, the fee schedule Section 6. Health, 6b. Environmental; providing for severability; providing that such ordinance shall not be codified; and providing an effective date

WHEREAS, the amendment of the recodified Code of Ordinances requires that a separate ordinance be passed incorporating fees to be applied to City operations; and,

WHEREAS, City Staff has studied the cost of providing the services and enforcing the regulatory schemes which are currently not being covered by existing fees; and

WHEREAS, after receiving and reviewing the aforementioned costs, the City Council finds that fees established herein do not exceed the amount reasonably necessary to provide the services and administer and enforce the regulatory programs to which they are related; and

WHEREAS, City Council finds that the fees described herein are necessary to provide for the services and regulated programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS, THAT:

1. The following schedule of fees and charges shall be adopted for the City of Wichita Falls Environmental Health operations which are authorized to create or enforce such fees by state or federal law or by the Code of Ordinances:

6. Health

6a. Animal Services

(1) Licenses:

- Spayed or neutered Animal:
 - One-year: \$10.00
 - Two-year: \$15.00
 - Three-year: \$21.00
- Animal that is not spayed or neutered:
 - One-year: \$31.00
 - Two-year: \$62.00
 - Three-year: \$93.00
- Dangerous Animal
 - One-year: \$412.00
- Duplicate city tag: \$7.00

(2) Annual permits:

- Commercial:
 - Fowl, Rabbit, Guinea Pig, Ferret: \$155.00
 - Grooming Shop: \$155.00
 - Kennel: \$129.00
 - Performing Animal, Petting Zoo, Circus: \$155.00
 - Pet Store: \$155.00
 - Private Animal Shelter: \$155.00
 - Stable, Riding School: \$155.00
 - Permit Reapplication Fee: \$52.00
 - Permit Reinspection Fee: \$26.00
- Residential:
 - Fowl: \$31.00
 - Livestock: \$77.00
 - Livestock with identification: \$57.00
 - Pet Fancier: \$52.00
 - Project Animal: \$21.00
 - Rabbit: \$26.00
 - Swine: \$46.00
 - Permit Reapplication Fee: \$26.00
 - Permit Reinspection Fee: \$26.00

(3) Special permits:

- Feral Cat Colony: \$10.00
- Litter: \$103.00 per litter
- Sellers: \$258.00 per litter
- Stud: \$103.00 per breeding

(4) Impound fees:

- Spayed or neutered Animal.
 - 1st impound: \$46.00
 - 2nd impound in any 36-month period: \$82.00
 - 3rd impound in any 36-month period: \$108.00
 - 4th impound in any 36-month period: \$134.00 + \$26.00 for each additional impound
- Animal that is not spayed or neutered.
 - 1st impound: \$52.00
 - 2nd impound in any 36-month period: \$93.00 ASC will transport to veterinarian for spay/neuter
- Small Animal (birds, rabbits, guinea pigs, snakes, hamsters, fish, etc.) impound: \$10.00
- Small livestock.
 - Impound Fee: \$67.00
- Large livestock.
 - Impound Fee: \$129.00

(5) Daily boarding fees:

- Small Animal (birds, rabbits, guinea pigs, snakes, hamsters, fish, etc.): \$5.00
- Animal: \$10.00

- Small livestock: \$21.00
- Large livestock: \$26.00

(6) Quarantine fees:

Quarantine Vaccinations \$21.00

- Ten-day quarantine fee (to be paid at beginning of quarantine):
 - (a) Initial quarantine \$175.00
 - (b) 2nd quarantine of same animal \$227.00
 - (c) 3rd quarantine of same animal \$330.00
 - (d) 4th quarantine of same animal \$433.00
 - (e) Any subsequent quarantine: \$433.00 + \$103.00 for each additional quarantine.
- Daily boarding fee after 10-day quarantine: \$26.00 per day
- Rabies testing in lieu of quarantine: \$52.00

(7) Animal surrender fee payable by owner:

- Single animal: \$31.00
- Litter less than 4 months old – three or less (Mom charged as single animal): \$41.00
- Litter less than 4 months old – four or more (Mom charged as single animal): \$62.00
- Animal Pickup Fee: \$15.00 (in addition to surrender fee)

(8) Deceased animal removal fee:

- Animal weighing 50 lbs or less: \$21.00
- Animal weighing greater than 50 lbs: \$31.00

(9) Trapping:

- Small trap deposit: \$62.00
- Large trap deposit: \$160.00
- Trapping and animal removal fee: \$36.00 for 5 days, and \$10.00 for every day thereafter.
- Animal removal fee – private trap:
 - Animal weighing 50 lbs. or less: \$21.00
 - Animal weighing 50 lbs. or more: \$31.00

(10) Adoption fees:

- Dog Adoption Fee: \$40.00
- Cat Adoption Fee: \$40.00
- Transport Fee to Veterinarian out of City limits: \$26.00
- Small Animal: (birds, rabbits, guinea pigs, snakes, hamsters, fish, etc.) \$10.00
- Fowl: \$3.00
- Small Livestock: (goats, sheep, pigs): \$41.00
- Large Livestock (Horses, donkeys and cows): \$77.00

(11) Miscellaneous fees:

- Microchipping: \$10.00
- Rabies voucher: \$12.00
- Late Fee Permit: \$26.00
- Late Fee License: \$10.00

- The health district is hereby authorized to pass along the cost of any veterinary services incurred for the care of an animal to that animal's owner, possessor, or harborer.

(12) WCSO Basic Call for Service Fees

- Required Trip Fee (Per Call for Service): \$40.00
- Animal Pick Up Fee per animal: \$10.00

6b. Environmental

6b-1. Food Establishment Permits and Fees:

(1) Annual Permits

- Caterer:
 - Catering only: \$270.00
 - Add-on for an annually permitted establishment: \$135
- Concession Stand: \$135.00
- Farmer's Market: \$35.00
- Farmer's Market Vendor: \$0.00
- Frozen Dessert: \$160.00
- Ghost Kitchen: \$0.00
- Multi-departmental Grocery Store: \$215.00
 - An additional permitting fee of \$135.00 will be charged for each of the following departments at the multi-departmental grocery store:
 - Deli
 - Meat market
 - Bakery
 - Snack bar
 - Fish market
 - Produce market
 - Other department
- Pop-Up Food Vendor: \$270.00
- Retail Food Establishment (Restricted Operation): \$215.00
- Retail Food Establishment:
 - Small- \$215.00
 - Medium- \$270.00
 - Large- \$320.00
- Retail Food Establishment Mobile (Restricted Operation): \$215.00
- Retail Food Establishment Mobile: \$345.00
- Shared Community Kitchen: \$135.00
- Sample Permit:
 - Add-on for an annually permitted establishment \$135.00

(2) Temporary Permits

- Temporary Event Coordinator: \$0.00
- Temporary permit (if turned in \geq 5 business days prior): \$55.00

- Temporary permit (if turned in < 5 business days prior): \$80.00

(3) Re-inspection fees:

- Each re-inspection: \$80.00
- Soft-serve re-sample fee: \$30.00

(4) Plan review fees:

- New construction: \$160.00
- Extensive remodel that requires construction: \$110.00
- Concept change that requires change of equipment: \$110.00

6b-2. Fees for Ambulance Franchises and Permits:

- (1) Initial franchise application fee: \$515.00
- (2) Annual franchise fee: \$103.00
- (3) Annual permit fee per ambulance: \$103.00

6b-3. Body Art Fees:

- (1) Annual body art establishment permit fee: \$618.00
- (2) Initial annual body art operator license fee: \$515.00
- (3) Renewal annual body art operator license fee: \$103.00
- (4) Initial testing fee: \$103.00, which covers two attempts to pass the examination, and which amount will be credited toward the initial annual body art operator license fee.
- (5) Additional attempts to pass the examination: \$52.00, which will not be credited toward any license or permit fees.
- (6) Apprenticeship fee: \$103.00
- (7) Temporary tattoo artist fee: \$52.00
- (8) Temporary event permit: \$258.00

6b-4. Miscellaneous Fees:

- (1) Foster home inspection fee: \$52.00
- (2) Day care inspection fee: \$103.00
- (3) Swimming pool permits: \$206.00 per pool per year.
- (4) Manager of public and semi-public water-related activity operation: \$52.00 per manager per year.
Re-inspection fees: ... \$26.00 for each failed water sample
- (5) Late charge for renewal of expired division 1 permits: \$26.00 for every month expired.

6b-5. Lodging Permit Fee Schedule:

1-10 Rooms:	\$103.00
11-25 Rooms:	\$129.00
26-50 Rooms:	\$155.00
51-75 Rooms:	\$206.00
76-100 Rooms:	\$232.00
101-150 Rooms:	\$258.00

151-200 Rooms: \$309.00
201+ Rooms: \$361.00

6b-6. Vacuum Truck and Grease Trap Permit Fees:

- (1) Vacuum truck permit fee (per truck): \$155.00
- (2) Grease trap permit fee: \$77.00
- (3) Late fees:
 - Grease trap permit: \$26.00 for every month expired
 - Vacuum truck permit: \$26.00 for every month expired
 - Industrial wastewater permit: Five percent of permit fee
- (4) The rates in this section are for a permit issued for a period of one year. The control authority may prorate the amounts for permits with shorter durations, or, for initial permits only, may increase the amounts by the appropriate factor for a slightly longer period.

6b-7. On-Site Sewage Facilities (OSSF) Fees

- (1) New Installation-Conventional System: \$258.00
- (2) New Installation-Proprietary System with ongoing maintenance: \$283.00
- (3) Property Transfer/Existing System Inspection: \$155.00
- (4) Additional Site Visits: \$103.00

Note: Fees cover up to two site visits. Extra fee for additional trip.

6c. Laboratory

6c-1. Miscellaneous Laboratory Fees:

- (1) Water testing fees:
 - Total Coliform Water Testing: \$17.00
 - Fecal Coliform Water Testing: \$21.00
- (2) Fees for clinic and medically related services may be set by the city manager.

2. The fee schedule established by this ordinance shall be made available to the public through the Office of the City Clerk, and be published online in such a manner as to be available to the public.

3. Should any section or provision of this ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, that decision shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

4. To the extent that the Code of Ordinances establishes the existence of a fee, this ordinance will govern the amount of that fee, but this ordinance shall not be codified.

5. This ordinance shall take effect on August 03, 2024, and it is so ordained.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 4th day of June, 2024.



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ATTEST:


Maui Balthops
City Clerk