



Skagit County Public Health

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 TO: Skagit County Retail Food Establishments
 FROM: Skagit County Public Health Retail Food Safety Program
 RE: 2019 Permit Categories and Fees

On January 29, 2019 the Skagit County Board of Health approved a revised Schedule of Charges to take effect June 1, 2019. Food establishments were notified of the proposed changes and provided opportunity to comment in January 2019. The table below provides an overview of changes to food establishment permit categories and fees from the current Food Safety Program Schedule of Charges that was last revised in 2013.

	2013 Schedule of Charges	2019 Schedule of Charges
Permit categories	22 distinct permit categories based on historic categories	3 distinct permit categories based on FDA Risk Level for menu, food preparation
Size of establishment	Incorporated into permit category based on # of seats	Additional High Volume Surcharge for >75 seats, does not change permit risk category
Permit fees	Based on historic fees, not well associated with resources/costs to maintain program and inspect per risk level	Based on resources/time required to maintain food safety program and inspect for risk level
Re-inspection fees	Graduated fees based on re-inspection triggered in past 12 months	Single re-inspection fee for any re-inspection
Range of annual permit fee changes for single permit	Range of annual permit fees \$100.00 - \$620.00	Range of annual permit fees \$235.00 - \$690.00
Fees requiring minimal changes for program cost	Plan Review fees, On-site sewage review fee, Catering add-on (reduced from 200.00 to 110.00), Temporary Permit fees, Commissary add-on (removed as separate fee)	

Food establishments with permits that expire on or after June 1, 2019 are assigned the new permit category and assessed the associated fee. To view the fee schedule and permit definitions please see www.skagitcounty.net/food.