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PERMITS FEES AND EXEMPTIONS

9-101.10 Permit Year, Fees and Exemptions.

(A) All permits except permits for temporary food establishments are issued for a permit year. The permit year is January first (1st) through December thirty-first (31st) and may be issued for any portion thereof to a new food establishment or one that is reapplying after final suspension or revocation. All existing food establishments holding permits must complete annual renewal, including payment of the yearly permit fee and any outstanding penalty fees for prior late payments of permit fees imposed pursuant to this provision, no later than December thirty-first (31st) of each current permit year. Fees and renewal requests must be postmarked no later than December thirty-first (31st) or a penalty fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per month will be assessed, in addition to the yearly permit fee. Fees are not prorated unless otherwise stated in this Section.

(B) The fee structure for a permit is as follows:

FOOD FACILITY TYPE	PERMIT FEE	PLAN REVIEW FEE	FOLLOW-UP FEE
*Food—Risk-Base 1 & 2	\$250.00	\$100.00	\$35.00
*Food—Risk-Base 3 & 4	\$350.00	\$100.00	\$35.00
CONDITIONAL FOOD PERMIT	\$125.00	N/A	N/A
Mobile Food Vehicle	\$80.00	\$60.00	\$35.00
Temporary Food (within 48 hours of application)	\$50.00	N/A	N/A
Expedited Temporary Food (less than 48 hours)	\$60.00	N/A	N/A
Replacement of Permit	\$25.00	N/A	N/A

*Retail food risk-base is determined according to §8-401.

(C) Initial fee for a new food establishment shall be:

(1) Plan review fee found in appropriate food facility type found in Subsection (B) above; and

(2) Permit fee found in Subsection (B) above, except that fees for new annual permits shall be prorated on a basis as follows:

a. Initial fee for permits issued before the fifteenth (15th) of any month shall include that month and following months, pro rata;

b. Initial fee for permits issued on or after the fifteenth (15th) of any month shall include only the following months, pro rata.

(D) Religious, educational, non-profit, fraternal or civic organizations (excluding social or country clubs) shall be exempted from the fees authorized by this Code upon submittal of documentation of tax-exempt status.

However, this exemption shall not extend to:

(1) Penalties for late renewals as authorized by this Section; and

(2) Fees for follow-up inspections as authorized by this Section.

(E) Temporary Food Establishments shall be exempted from this code's fees and requirements to submit applications only if operated either by a Food Establishment Risk-base 1 through 4 or by a Mobile Food Vehicle which is already permitted under this Code.

(F) All fees under this Section shall be paid to the Department for deposit with the Department of Finance of St. Charles County.

(G) A person reapplying for a permit after a final suspension or revocation shall pay the appropriate renewal fee including penalty fees for late payment that may be imposed pursuant to this Section upon reapplication.

(H) The Director may waive late fees required by Subsection **(A)** above if an application for a permit is received no later than the thirty (30) days after the date on which it was due, and the applicant had timely submitted its application and application fee for the preceding year.