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To: Food Service Operations (FSO), Retail Food Establishments (RFE), Temporary and Mobile Operators, Vending, Tattoo Operators, Private Water System Contractors*, Sewage Installers, Haulers, and Service Providers

From: Dan Lark, MPH, REHS, Administrator
Adam Litke, MPH, Health Commissioner

Re: License & Other Fees

The Board of Health of the Geauga Public Health (GPH) is proposing a change in various fees. These new fees, if adopted, will become **effective December 1, 2026**. The following table summarizes the proposed fee changes:

LICENSE CATEGORY	Current Local Fee ($)	Proposed Local Fee ($)
Installer Registration	$175.00	$150.00
Service Provider Registration	$175.00	$150.00
Hauler Registration	$100.00	$50.00
Hauler Truck Permit	n/a	$40.00
Lot Evaluation	$170.00	$250.00
Household Sewage Treatment Permit - New	$800.00	$750.00
Household Sewage Treatment Permit -	$800.00	$750.00
Board of Health Variance Request	$350.00	$150.00
Tattoo Pre-Opening Inspection	$100.00	$200.00
Temporary Tattoo Event	$200.00	$250.00
Private Water System Variance Fee	$300.00	$150.00
Commercial Risk Category 1, <25,000ft^2	$270.00	$296.00
Commercial Risk Category 2, <25,000ft^2	$300.00	$330.00
Commercial Risk Category 3, <25,000ft^2	$596.00	$650.00
Commercial Risk Category 4, <25,000ft^2	$732.00	$804.00
Commercial Risk Category 1, >25,000ft^2	$400.00	$440.00
Commercial Risk Category 2, >25,000ft^2	$400.00	$440.00

Commercial Risk Category 3, >25,000ft^2	$1,400.00	$1,470.00
Commercial Risk Category 4, >25,000ft^2	$1,450.00	$1,524.00
Vending	$6.45	$6.62
Mobile	$160.00	$116.00
Low Risk Mobile	$80.00	$58.00
Temporary Commercial	$150.00	$124.00
Temporary Non-Commercial	$75.00	$62.00

Notes:

1) Fees shown above do not include State Certification Fee charge of $28.00 per commercial license and $14.00 per non-commercial license for Risk Category 1-4 licenses.
2) Non-Commercial Risk Category 1-4 fees are 50% of the corresponding Commercial Risk Category fee.
3) Non-Commercial Temporary fees are 50% of the Commercial Temporary fee.
4) Late fees are assessed at an additional 25% of the established local license fee.

The fees listed above are calculated through the use of a mandatory Ohio uniform cost methodology procedure that allows health departments to recover costs associated with implementing each category of the food program. The Board of Health requires programs to cover their expenses and not rely on subsidies.

The fees will be proposed for adoption by the Geauga County Board of Health at their regularly scheduled meeting in November 2026. **Prior to this however, a "public hearing" on these and other fees will be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at the Board of Health Meeting at 5:00 p.m.** This hearing will be held at the Geauga County Administration Building located at 12611 Ravenwood Drive, Suite B167-B168 in Chardon. You are welcome to attend this hearing and voice your opinion.

If you have any questions concerning the license category your operation has been assigned, please call the GPH offices and speak to the Environmental Health Specialist assigned to your operation. An explanation for the various fee categories can be found by searching for Ohio Administrative Code Sections 901: 3-4-05 (RFEs) or 3701-21-02.3 (FSOs) at http://codes.ohio.gov/oac.

If you have any questions or comments concerning the proposed fees, please contact Adam Litke or Dan Lark at 440-279-1914.

*Special note to Private Water Contractors: In the past, Geauga Public Health has paid the $20 Ohio Department Natural Resources State Fee for each new PWS installation permit. As of December 1, 2026, this fee will no longer be paid by Geauga Public Health and the total cost for a new permit will be $389.00 ($260 local fee + $74 ODH fee + $20 ODNR fee +$35 sample fee).