

## Food Safety Program Fees – 2026

### **Permanent Food Establishment Annual Permit Fees**

Food business annual permit fees are based on the type of business, as well as the complexity of the food being served (Risk Category). The table below shows the different kinds of food businesses permitted in King County, and annual permit fees associated with them.

PERMIT CATEGORY	Risk 1	Risk 2	Risk 3
General Food service- 0-12 seats	\$441	\$693	\$945
General Food Service- 13-50 seats	\$441	\$756	\$1,008
General Food Service- 51-150 seats	\$441	\$756	\$1,134
General Food Service- 151-250 seats	\$441	\$882	\$1,260
General Food Service- over 250 seats	\$441	\$945	\$1,386
Limited Food service- no permanent plumbing	\$441	NA	NA
Bakery- no seating	\$567	\$630	\$945
Bed and Breakfast	\$441	NA	NA
Grocery Store- no seating	\$441	\$819	NA
Caterer	\$567	\$756	\$945
Meat/Fish Market	NA	NA	\$945
Vending Machine	\$441	NA	NA
Mobile Food Unit	\$630	\$1,008	\$1,260
Nonprofit Institution - unlimited seating (nonprofit organization but charges a fee for food)	\$441	\$693	\$945
Donated Food Distribution Organization (DFDO) –	\$0	\$0	\$0
School Lunch Program	NA	\$693	NA
Commercial Commissary Kitchen	\$441	NA	NA
Commissary Kitchen – exempt from billing	\$0	NA	NA

### **Proration Schedules**

Annual permits for food establishments last from **APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>** through **MARCH 31<sup>st</sup>**. If you start your food business part-way through our permit year, we will prorate your first year's permit fee according to our proration schedule.

Starting Operation	Proration of fee
On or after April 1 but before July 1	100% of annual permit fee
On or after July 1 but before October 1	75% of annual permit fee
On or after October 1 but before January 1	50% of annual permit fee
On or after January 1 but before April 1	25% of annual permit fee

### **Fee Discounts for Seasonal Food Establishments**

Some Food Establishments will routinely operate for less than twelve consecutive months each year. For those establishments, annual permit prices will be discounted based on the table below.

Number of months operating	Annual fee for permit
Operating more than 10 months and up to 12 months	100% of annual permit fee
Operating more than 7 months and up to 10 months	75% of annual permit fee
Operating more than 4 months and up to 7 months	50% of annual permit fee
Operating 4 or fewer months	25% of annual permit fee

### **Food Plan Review Fees**

Plan review type	Fee
New Construction	4 hour base fee (\$1,008) + \$252/hr after 4 hours
Remodel	3 hour base fee (\$756) + \$252/hr after 3 hours
Multiple plan review in one facility	3 hour base fee (\$756) + \$252/hr after 3 hours
Resubmitted plan review-billable	\$252/hr
Subsequent preoccupancy or field plan review	2 hour base fee (\$504) + \$252/hr after 2 hours
Changes to Mobile and Limited Food Service Establishments	\$504 +\$252/hr after 2 hours

### **Late Fees**

Permit Type	Number of Days Late	Fee
Annual permits	10-30 days	10% of annual permit fee
Annual permits	31 days – 60 days	20% of annual permit fee
Annual permits	more than 60 days	30% of annual permit fee
Seasonal Permits		\$25 (flat fee)

### **Miscellaneous Fees**

Service	Fee
Facility Name Change (with no other changes)	\$25
Commissary Change (caterers and mobiles)	\$25
Processing a refund	\$25
Check returned by bank	\$35
Request for variance and/or HACCP review	\$252/hr
Permit Reinstatement	Same as annual permit fee
Repeat Return Inspection	Half of annual permit fee
Food and Beverage Worker's License	\$10
Meat Cutter License	\$63
Meat Cutter Exam	\$63
After hours inspection	Cost of service

### **Refund Policy**

Permit fees may only be refunded if Public Health denies the permit application, the applicant withdraws the application before the permit is issued, the food establishment permit has been overpaid, or as otherwise provided in BOH 2.10.100. An administrative fee of \$25 is deducted from each refund (BOH 2.06.070).

**Temporary Food Establishment Permit Fees**

Permit type	Single Event Permit	Multiple (5) Event Permits	Unlimited Event Permits
Minimal	\$126	None	\$252
Moderate	\$315	\$756*	\$882*
Complex	\$441	\$819*	\$1,008*
Blanket Permit		\$252/hr	

\*A certified booth operator is required.

**Late Fees**

Application submitted:	Fee
3-4 days before event	\$50
1-2 days before event	\$100

**Farmer's Market Annual Permit Fees**

Farmer's Market Permits	Fee
Tier 1 (0-5 food vendors)	\$945
Tier 2 (6-15 food vendors)	\$1,134
Tier 3 (16 or more food vendors)	\$1,386
Farmer's Market Plan Review Fee (new markets)	\$504 + \$252/hour for each hour over 2

**Other Fees**

Service	Fee
Certified Booth Operator (CBO) License	\$126
Temporary Food Establishment Reinspection Fee	\$252