

Food & Facilities 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) – School Lunch Program | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Commercial Commissary Kitchen | \$441 | NA | NA |
| Commissary Kitchen – exempt from billing | \$0 | NA | NA |

Proration Schedules

Annual permits for food establishments last from **APRIL 1st** through **MARCH 31st**. 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 | \$35 |
| 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 \$35 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 |
|------------------------|-------|
| 3-5 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 |