
Sec. 16-8. Fee for city's food establishment business permit and review of plans.

- (a) Before any permit shall be issued under the provision of this article, the applicant shall pay, in conjunction with the submittal of an application, a non-refundable fee based upon the duration he/she desires to engage in business in the City of Eagle Pass as follows:

Permit per event	\$25.00
Annual Permit	Fee Based on Food Establishment Size
Food Establishment: 10 or less employees	\$150.00
Food Establishment: 11—20 employees	\$200.00
Food Establishment: 21 or more employees	\$250.00
Operating a food establishment without a permit	\$150.00 in addition to permit fee
Late Renewal Penalty	10% fee for each month past due

- (b) Each permit issued under this article shall be valid for a one (1) year period of time, which shall be stated therein and if not, the permit shall expire automatically one (1) year from the date of issuance. The permit shall clearly indicate the expiration date thereon, and shall be legible and conspicuously displayed at all times. Any attempt to change or alter the permit shall render it null and void and constitute a violation.
- (c) Before issuing a permit, the city shall require the applicant to provide plans for the preparation of food, food storage, and food sale areas for use in determining compliance with city and state laws. Moreover, whenever a food establishment is constructed or extensively remodeled (twenty-five (25) percent or more increase in floor area) or whenever an existing structure is converted to use as a food establishment, properly prepared plans and specifications for such construction, remodeling or conversion shall be submitted to the planning department for review before work is begun. The plans and specifications shall indicate the proposed layout, equipment arrangement, mechanical plans and construction of materials of work areas, and the type and model of proposed fixed equipment and facilities. The plans and specifications will be approved by the planning department if they meet the requirements of the rules adopted by this section. The approved plans and specifications must be followed in construction, remodeling or conversion.
- (d) The city may deny a permit application or suspend or revoke a permit if, after inspection, the city finds that the applicant is not in compliance with the approved plans.
- (e) A food service establishment in operation on the date of adoption of this article may continue operations, pending the performance of an initial inspection by the city, provided it submits an application and the appropriate fee within sixty (60) days of the passage of this section. If the initial inspection or application review results in a determination that the establishment does not comply with city or state standards, the city shall initiate revocation proceedings as if the establishment had obtained a permit or deny the permit as the case may be. Failure to timely submit an initial application and fee may result in a violation and a loss of the ability to operate pending the performance of an initial inspection by the city.

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