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******* IMPORTANT NOTICE *******

**Adjustments to the Montgomery County
Retail Food Establishment Permits and Fee Schedule
Effective September 1, 2025**

Montgomery County is required to adjust its permitting and fee schedule for food establishments to align with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in compliance with Senate Bill 1008 ("S.B. 1008"). These state-mandated revisions will take effect September 1, 2025.

S.B. 1008-Related Fee Adjustments

Beginning September 1, 2025, the broadest change to Montgomery County's retail food establishment fees is the shift to using the DSHS classification of low, mid, and high gross annual volume of food sales. The new permit fees will range from \$250 for low gross annual volume to \$500 for high gross annual volume. Montgomery County's fee increase is directly related to the new requirements of S.B. 1008.

S.B. 1008 New Standardized Food Service Permit Fees

Beginning September 1, 2025, Montgomery County's fees for food service permits will be in line with the fees charged by DSHS. An initial inspection fee of \$150 will be assessed at the time of application. A fee of \$150 will be assessed for a requested inspection. A fee of \$150 will be assessed for a reinspection to correct a violation that presents a direct and significant risk to public health, Montgomery County will also offer a new temporary permit for multiple events over the entire calendar year in order to better serve recurring temporary food vendors.

Daycare Permits Will No Longer Be Issued.

Beginning September 1, 2025, Montgomery County will no longer issue permits for daycares. Daycare needing an inspection as required by state licensing must request them individually and pay a standard inspection fee.

Posted Fee Schedule

The new fee schedule will be posted on the Permit Department's page on Montgomery County's website, www.mctx.org, by September 1, 2025.

Please see the attachment for additional information on the upcoming changes.

Sincerely,

Scott Nichols,
Director, Montgomery County Permit Department

Fee Adjustments for Montgomery County, Texas **Food Service Permits in Compliance with S.B. 1008**

Standardized Food Service Permit Fees (Effective September 1, 2025)

- **Mobile Food Establishments** (effective until July 1, 2026) \$258
- **Amending an Existing Permit** \$125
- **Temporary Permit (Single Event – 14 days)** \$ 52
- **Temporary Permit (Multiple Event - Annual)** \$200

Food Establishments (Effective September 1, 2025)

- **New Permits and Renewals:**

Gross Annual Volume of Food Sales Permitting Fee

\$0 - \$49,999.99	\$250 (Low Volume)
\$50,000 - \$149,999.99	\$375 (Mid Volume)
\$150,000 or more	\$500 (High Volume)

- **Amending an Existing Permit:**

Gross Annual Volume of Food Sales Permitting Fee

\$0 - \$49,999.99	\$100 (Low Volume)
\$50,000 - \$149,999.99	\$150 (Mid Volume)
\$150,000 or more	\$200 (High Volume)

Other Fees (Effective September 1, 2025)

- **Initial Inspection** \$150

Note: This fee is assessed at the time of application for the evaluation of the proposed design, layout, equipment, operational procedures, and inspection of a food establishment prior to initial construction or remodeling. The fee is also applicable to establishments undergoing a change of ownership.

- **Requested Inspections** \$150
- **Reinspection Fee (to correct a violation that presents a direct and significant risk to public health)** \$150

Note: Pursuant to new Texas Health and Safety Code Section 437.016, this fee cannot exceed the lesser of the cost of an initial inspection or \$200.

- **Late Fee** \$100