



**Request for City Council Committee Action
Health Department**

Date: October 20, 2014

To: HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
COMMITTEE

Subject: PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND FOOD CODE ORDINANCE RELATED
TO EVENT SPONSOR PERMITS AND SHORT TERM FOOD PERMIT
REQUIREMENTS

Recommendation:

Public hearing on amending Title 10 Chapter 188 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Food Code: Administration and Licensing, Section 1. And amend License Fee Schedule to reflect revised permit fees.

Previous Directives: Referred to staff from City Council on October 6, 2014.

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Approved by:

Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval ____ Not Applicable X

Policy Review Group (PRG) Approval ____ Date of Approval ____ Not Applicable X

Presenters in Committee: Janna Beard, Health Inspector I; Health Department Food, Lodging and Pools

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

X Other financial impact (Explain): The change in fee structure is not anticipated to have a net budgetary impact, but will result in shifts in the amount of revenue associated with each individual fee type.

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, Title 10 Food Code, Chapter 188 Administration and Licensing Section 1, specifically 188.170, amends the food permit requirements for non-potentially hazardous bottle, can and keg beverage stands at community events; changes the Event Sponsor Form to an Event Sponsor Permit, and amends the License Fee Schedule as follow: Event Sponsors with 1-10 vendors pay \$87.00; Event Sponsors with 11-20 vendors pay \$174.00; Event Sponsors with 21+ vendors pay \$261.00. There is currently no fee for an Event Sponsor but all vendors are currently required to obtain an \$87.00 Short Term Food Permit, requiring a 10-vendor beer or wine event to pay \$870.00 total. Under the new changes that Event Sponsor would pay only \$87.00.

The changes are being made because this type of food stand operation is low risk and more simple to inspect, yet the fees charged to the vendors and the cost to the City to track individual vendors is high. The revision includes a requirement for an event sponsor permit. The event sponsor permit allows the event sponsor the ability to operate a short term food establishment under the event sponsor permit. Vendors of non-potentially hazardous beverages from a can, bottle or keg (without garnishment or ice) may be included under the event sponsor's short term food establishment permit at no additional fee, provided all other applicable beverage alcohol permits or licenses are lawfully obtained and fees paid.

Further reduced fees are also being applied to the Minneapolis Convention Center. An event sponsor hosting a show at the convention center must also submit an Event Sponsor Permit. The event sponsor works with a Minneapolis Convention Center Coordinator, in addition to the Health Department, to address safety issues. The City proposes reducing the fee 50% to a new fee of \$43.50 for vendors at the Convention Center.

The amendment also includes an increase in the late fee for applicants that do not submit their permit application ten (10) or more business days prior to the event. Timely submittal allows the Licensing Department and the Health Department to act on the permits, speak with vendors regarding incomplete applications, provide necessary education and consultation, and ensure adequate staff is assigned to inspect an event.