

**Before the Board of Supervisors
County of Placer, State of California**

Second Reading

In the matter of:

**An Ordinance amending Section
2.116.100 of the Placer County Code
regarding fees for Environmental Health**

Ord. No.: _____

First Reading: March 25, 2014

The following Ordinance was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held _____ by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest: _____
Clerk of said Board

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, State of California, does hereby ordain as follows:

That Section 2.116.100 of the Placer County Code, Fees for Environmental Health, is hereby amended as follows. Additions to the current ordinance are shown in underline, deletions are shown in strikethrough.

2.116.100 Fees for environmental health.

The Placer County department of health and human services, environmental health division, shall charge and collect ~~the following fees for annual health permits and services performed. Beginning May 28, 2008 for non-land development fees and on July 27, 2008 for land development fees.~~ These fees shall be imposed through the adoptions of reflected in a resolutions of the board of supervisors and shall be subject to annual adjustments, ~~each January 31st, commencing January 31, 2009 at the same rate as~~ the rate of the annual adjustment of fees shall be based on the following consumer price index (CPI): sState of California Department of Industrial Relations Consumer Price Index - California, for All Urban Consumers, Annual Average, Not Seasonally Adjusted, where the Standard Reference Base Period is 1982-1984 = 100. Changes in each fee will be measured based on the difference between the 2008 annual average and the annual average for the most recent calendar year. The adjustment shall be calculated on a twelve month basis in each fee will be calculated based on the difference between the most currently available CPI and the CPI amount for the same month of the previous year. The percentage change in each fee shall be the same as the percentage change in the CPI. Fees shall be rounded to the nearest dollar. The Board adopted resolution reflecting the current fee schedule and definitions of categories shall be conclusive as to the amount of any annual adjustment and shall be on file with the environmental health division. The annual billing and fee adjustment date is subject to change by the Environmental Health Director with prior public notice.

MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Environmental Health Division

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeffrey S. Brown, M.P.H., M.S.W., Director of Health and Human Services
Wesley Nicks, Director of Environmental Health/Public Health/Animal Services

DATE: March 25, 2014

SUBJECT: Amendment to Placer County Code 2.116.100 Fees for Environmental Health and adoption of the Environmental Health Fee Schedule

ACTION REQUESTED:

1. Adopt an ordinance amending Placer County Code section 2.116.100 regarding fees for Environmental Health permits and services.
2. Adopt a resolution pursuant to Placer County Code section 2.116.100 containing the current fee schedule for services provided by the Environmental Health Division of the Health and Human Services Department.

BACKGROUND:

Environmental Health programs provide essential services to Placer County residents and visitors that protect public health and assure the maintenance of the quality of the environment. Consumer Protection, Hazardous Materials, and Solid Waste programs include regular monitoring and inspections of restaurants, public pools, public water systems, solid waste facilities, and hazardous materials facilities. In addition, Environmental Health performs construction-related plan check and inspection services (water wells, septic, and permitted facilities) in coordination with the Community Development Resource Agency. The proposed fee schedule (attached) eliminates redundant or unused fees, and proposes lower fees for limited, specific program areas including: school satellite cafeterias, markets with food sampling, and food banks.

Fees are charged to project applicants and consumers of these services. These fees are subject to annual increase as prescribed in Placer County Code, Chapter 2, Article 2.116, Code 2.116.100 Fees for Environmental Health. Currently, Placer County Code requires fees be adjusted annually each January 31, commencing January 31, 2009, at the same rate as the State of California, Department of Industrial Relations, and Consumer Price Index (CPI) California – for All Urban Consumers.

With adoption of this ordinance, changes in fees based on the CPI increase will be measured based on the difference between the most currently available CPI and the CPI amount for the same month of the previous year based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) California – for All Urban Consumers available on the State of California Department of Industrial Relations website. This ordinance will change the CPI adjustment from a comparison related to the 2008 fee schedule as a base year to an adjustment that only considers the previous year. This approach more accurately reflects inflationary cost increases to the programs listed in the fee schedule. To remain consistent with the County Fee Policy, a comprehensive updated fee study is recommended within the next two years to ensure continued accurate cost accounting.

The revised fee schedule is attached and definitions of fee categories are on file with the Environmental Health Division.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The percentage change of each fee is the same as the percentage change in the CPI. All fees are rounded to the nearest dollar. These fees have been included in the Department's FY 2013-14 Final Budget.

Attachments:

Ordinance - Amendment to Placer County Code section 2.116.100
Resolution – Adoption of Environmental Health Fee schedule
Exhibit A – Environmental Health Fee Schedule