

# Skagit County Public Health

## 2023 Proposed Schedule of Charges

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# General Overview of Proposal

Update Public Health fees to cover assurance services at regulated facilities

Last revisions:

Food, Liquid & Solid Waste – 2019

Drinking water, Pools & camps – 2013

Drinking Water – 2021

Eliminate local secure medicine charges



# Food Safety Fee Changes

## Risk Level 1 Establishments:

2019      \$235.00

2023      \$285.00

*Similar permit in Whatcom, Island, Snohomish counties:*

*\$395.00 - \$798.00*

## Risk Level 2 Establishments:

2019      \$315.00

2023      \$400.00

*Similar permit in Whatcom, Island, Snohomish counties:*

*\$593.00 - \$901.00*

## Risk Level 3 Establishments:

2019      \$400.00

2023      \$480.00

*Similar permit in Whatcom, Island, Snohomish counties:*

*\$713.00 - \$1,068.00*



# Food Safety fees - continued

- Food establishment plan review fees
  - Change operator: ~~\$200.00~~ to \$250.00
  - Remodel: ~~\$300.00~~ to \$375.00
  - New Construction: ~~\$500.00~~ to \$600.00
- Temporary permit fees
  - Permit fees increase \$10.00 to \$40.00
  - Multiple events / multiple locations option increases between \$35.00 - \$75.00 depending on risk and covers additional inspections.
- Temporary Application - late fee update:
  - Submit 10 – 6 business days before event \$50.00 (unchanged)
  - Submit 5 days or less before event \$100.00



## Drinking Water– Quality and Quantity

Group A water evaluation:

2021      \$100.00

2023      \$200.00

*Similar permit in Whatcom, Island, Snohomish counties:*

*\$135.00 - \$200.00 plus hourly*

Individual well water evaluation:

2021      \$240.00

2023      \$300.00

*Similar permit in Whatcom, Island, Snohomish counties:*

*\$287.00 - \$375.00*

Alternative Drinking Water evaluation:

2021      \$475.00

2023      \$550.00

*Similar permit in Whatcom, Island, Snohomish counties:*

*\$550.00 - \$700.00 plus hourly*



# Liquid Waste: On- Site Septic Systems

Certifications for Installers, O&M Specialist and Pumpers:

2019: \$200.00

2023: \$225.00

*Similar certification in Whatcom is \$261 & Snohomish \$430*

OSS Permits	2019	2023
New design	\$500.00	\$550.00
Repair	\$300.00	\$375.00
Redesign	\$200.00	\$375.00
Renewal	\$200.00	\$225.00



# Notifications

- January 17 – overview at Board of Health meeting, call for public hearing
- Notices mailed in hard copy and email to licensees with permits and certificates
- Public comment period 1/17 through 2/23
- Press release and follow up article in Skagit Valley Herald
- Skagit County social media notices & website



# Written & Verbal Comments

- Businesses concerned, already dealing with higher minimum wage, inflation, economic impacts from pandemic
- Concern from two non-profits that fee increase impacts the services they provide
- Business permitted for wholesale does not want additional fee for retail
- Business supported update





# Implementation

- If Schedule of Charges is approved, new fees will take effect April 1, 2023
- Establishments invoiced for their revised permit fee at their next renewal AFTER April 1, 2023

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