

Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

There is no anticipated impact upon cost controls or the tax levy in 2015. The 2016 Operating Budget submitted by Public Health will incorporate this fee increase, which will total about \$29,500 in the 2016-2017 licensing year. Current establishments will not be affected until they renew their licenses effective July 2016. The licensed establishment program is currently funded through license fees and does not require tax levy support. Without this fee increase, Public Health would need to use tax levy to support the Licensed Establishment program.

Title

Amending Section 7.07(8)(g) of the Madison General Ordinances to increase the annual fee for food and drink permits.

Body

DRAFTER'S ANALYSIS: Recently, the State of Wisconsin Joint Finance Committee passed a motion that places a moratorium on fee increases by local agents for two years starting July 1, 2015. If this provision is not changed during the budget process, then Public Health Madison and Dane County (PHMDC) will not be able to raise fees for the food establishments that they regulate. Food establishments pay an annual fee for the licensing year that runs from July 1st to June 30th. The sliding scale fee is based on the establishment's anticipated annual gross food and drink sales. The collected fees cover the costs of issuing permits, making inspections, and providing education, training and technical assistance to the food establishments.

PHMDC was anticipating raising licensing fees in 2016 for the 2017 licensing year. The state moratorium will not allow the department to raise these fees unless the fee increases are in effect prior to July 1, 2015.

The licensed establishment program is completely funded via program revenue. Without a fee increase, this program may have to use GPR to cover costs for the program. PHMDC wishes to keep this program funded by program revenue. A modest fee increase will allow the program to continue being self-funded and offset increased costs in administering the program.

The Common Council of the City of Madison do hereby ordain as follows:

Please see "BODY" in Attachments.