

Balanced Budget Amendment: Restaurant Fees

Introduced by Commissioners Meghan Moyer and Julia Brim-Edwards

Reducing the Proposed Increase in Health Inspection fees for Food Service License Fees, Food Service Plan Reviews, and Food Pod Fees from 33% to 10% for FY 2026.

The food service industry is a major contributor to Multnomah County's economic and cultural development. However, escalating costs for supplies, rents, and labor have pushed many establishments to the brink of insolvency, with impacts falling especially hard on smaller and independently-owned businesses. This amendment balances Multnomah County's need for greater cost recovery with the extraordinary challenges and uncertain economic climate facing our treasured food establishments.

Budget Impact: \$1,119,896 reduction in fee revenue.

Offset: Vacancies in Health Department