



# Multnomah County Food Service Advisory Committee Notes - February 3, 2025

## 📅 Multnomah County Food Service Advisory Committee

Members Present: Rachel Clark, Ginger Rapport, Greg Astley, Margey Vattiat  
Members Absent: Daniel Huerta

Staff Attendees: Jeff Martin, Debbie Flinchbaugh, Fernanda Robles, Shannon Fost

## Review and Approve October 7, 2024 Meeting Minutes

- December 2, 2024 meeting minutes approved

## Budget Update FY25 and Fiscal Planning for FY26

- The 2025 renewal season is coming to a close. We saw a significant increase in online payments for permits this year, with over 60% of renewals completed through the online portal. However, a substantial number of operators still chose to pay in person or by mail.
- As the renewal period ends, we will now begin the enforcement process for facilities that remain unpaid and continue to operate. The late fee this year is \$100. We continue to offer payment plans for those who need them; these plans divide the total payment into three equal installments to help offset expenses.
- The health department is in the planning stages for the budget that will begin in July. As you may have seen in the news, the county general fund is forecasted to decrease this year, and additional funding from federal partners has ended.
- For the last 5 years, health inspections have been able to maintain the current fee structure with support from the general fund. Due to decreased funding in the general fund, we will now have to propose a fee increase to ensure the program remains fully funded for the 2026 calendar year..
- Over the next couple of weeks, a letter will be provided to FSAC for their review before it is sent out to all licensees. This will provide licensees with almost a year to prepare for the fee increase that will take effect for the 2026 permit.

## Inspections Data Update for 2024

- Presentation of all the data was provided. See attached



## Online complaint and food borne illness reporting

- Folks can now report foodborne illness and unsafe conditions online via a form. Staff will then follow up with additional information if needed.
- December had a high number of foodborne illnesses related to contamination of oysters from raw sewage.

## Round Table Update

- Rachel - Being aware of food prices like eggs and avocado as they continue to increase. Providence park is going to have more sports events and more traffic in the downtown area.
- Ginger - Report of ICE being more active in Washington County. It appears several restaurants shut down because folks are afraid to go to work.
- Greg - Legislature has taken up a lot of his time and seeing lots of bills that could impact the food service industry.
- Margey - OHSU is awaiting a certification as they undergo a random audit/inspection. Working on food application and have received plans, there is no gas for cooking in the new facility and will be a challenge in the kitchen.

## Next meeting

April 7, 2025 9:30AM - 10:30AM