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TO: All Retail Food Establishments

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SUBJECT: Increases in Retail Food Establishment license fees

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As many of you are probably aware, the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) has been working with the food service industry for many months regarding increased licensing fees for retail food establishments. This graduated increase in license fees will become effective September 1, 2016 and will be implemented state-wide, as approved by the state legislature as House Bill 16-1401. This memo is intended to provide background on that increase and how it will affect your license renewals.

For any establishment with a current 2016 Retail Food Establishment License, the increase will not affect you until your 2017 license renewal; you will see the fee increase when you receive your 2017 license renewals which are typically mailed out in mid-November and are due by the first of next year. **Only those retail food establishments that are newly licensed on or after September 1, 2016, will be affected by the license increase before the end of this year.**

As determined by CDPHE the increase will be implemented in 3 steps:

1. Everyone will see a 30% increase for 2017 license renewals.
2. Additional 10% increases for 2018 and 2019 annual renewals.

The most typical license category is **Restaurant 0-100 seats**, with a current license fee of \$255.00. This fee category will increase to \$330.00 for 2017. This same fee increase will also apply to Mobile Units that prepare and serve food (full service). See the chart below for all of the fee changes.

Type of Fee	Current Fee	1/1/2017 Fee	1/1/2018 Fee	1/1/2019 Fee
Restaurant 0-100 seats	\$255	\$330	\$360	\$385
Restaurant 101-200 seats	\$285	\$370	\$400	\$430
Restaurant over 200 seats	\$310	\$405	\$435	\$465
Grocery Stores with Deli, up to 15,000 sq. ft.	\$207 to \$338	\$325	\$350	\$375
Grocery Stores with Deli, over 15,000 sq. ft.	\$360 to \$690	\$620	\$665	\$715
Grocery Store without Deli, up to 15,000 sq. ft.	\$115 to \$180	\$170	\$183	\$195
Grocery Store without Deli, over 15,000 sq. ft.	\$200 to \$500	\$305	\$330	\$353
Limited Retail Food Service	Various	\$235	\$253	\$270
Mobile Unit, prepackaged potentially hazardous food	\$115	\$235	\$253	\$270
Mobile Unit, Full Service	\$255	\$330	\$360	\$385
Temporary Events	\$115 or \$255	License fees will be established by the county or district public health agency.		

The two additional 10% fee increases for 2018 and 2019 will be contingent on local health departments meeting the following requirements:

1. Providing a uniform system, approved by the state health department, to communicate health inspection results to the public (restaurant rating system).
2. Responding to all plan reviews for new or extensively remodeled establishments and HACCP plan reviews within 14 working days after receipt.
3. Significant statewide compliance with federal Food & Drug Administration's voluntary retail food regulatory program standards, including higher levels of training and education for inspectors, with a focus on the highest risk restaurants.

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