

La Porte County Food Service Fee Schedule

Retail Food Establishment fees are due by December 31st of each year. Fees for Retail Food Establishments shall be based on the determined risk for that establishment. A 50% per day late fee will be assessed on payments received after December 31st. Please make your check payable to the La Porte County Health Department and mail to: La Porte County Health Department, 302 W. 8th Street, Suite 4, Michigan City, IN 46360

Food Establishment A: \$65.00

“Pre-packaged potentially hazardous foods. Limited preparation of non-potentially hazardous foods.”

Food Establishment B: \$100.00

“Limited menu (1 or 2 main items). Pre-packaged raw ingredients are cooked or prepared to order. Retail food operations exclude deli or seafood departments. Raw ingredients required minimal assembly. Most products are cooked/prepared and served immediately. Hot and cold holding of potentially hazardous foods is restricted to single meal service. Preparation processes requiring cooking, cooling, and reheating are limited to 1 or 2 potentially hazardous foods.”

Food Establishment C: \$125.00

“Extensive handling of raw ingredients. Preparation process includes the cooking, cooling, and reheating of potentially hazardous foods. A variety of processes require hot and cold holding of potentially hazardous food. Advance preparation for next day-service is limited to 2 or 3 items. Retail food operations include deli and seafood departments.”

Food Establishment D: \$180.00

“Extensive handling of raw ingredients. Preparation processes include the cooking, cooling, and reheating of potentially hazardous foods. A variety of processes require hot and cold holding of potentially hazardous foods. Food processes include advanced preparation for next-day service. Category would also include those facilities whose service population is highly susceptible.”

Probationary Fee: \$75.00

This is a one time fee for new businesses, new ownership or extensive remodeling.

Mobile Food Unit/Push Cart: \$125.00/yearly

Lunch Service Vehicle: \$50/vehicle

Temporary Food Unit: \$20.00/day

Not to exceed \$80.00 for any one event.

Seasonal: Seasonal establishments shall pay one-half the determined fee. Seasonal means a **retail** food establishment, which operates 6 months or less a year.

Penalties:

Probationary Fine: \$75.00

This fee is for any establishment that is placed on probation for failure to meet minimum sanitation requirement. The fee shall be assessed a penalty of \$75.00 per occurrence. Any establishment that requires an extension of probationary status due to continued failure to meet minimum sanitation requirements shall be assessed a penalty of \$75.00 per occurrence. Any establishment that operates without a permit, or fails to apply for a

permit after 15 days of a change in ownership or an existing operation with no service interruption, shall be assessed a penalty of \$25/day, payable as part of the initial permit fee. Any establishment that conducts extensive remodeling without submitting plans to the Health Department prior to construction, shall be assessed a penalty of \$50.

Exceptions:

1. A retail Food Establishment commencing operations after June 30, shall be assessed one-half the fee for the respective category.
2. No license fee shall be required for establishment's operated by an organization that is exempt from the Indiana gross income tax under Indiana Code, 6-2.1-3-20 through 6-2.1-3-22 and that offers food for sale to the final consumer at an event held for the benefit of the organization provided:
 - a. Members of the organization prepare the food that will be sold;
 - b. Events conducted by the organization take place for no more than thirty days per calendar year;
 - c. The name of each person who has prepared a food item is attached to the container in which the food item has been placed.
3. Schools, churches and governmental units or agencies shall be exempt from a fee.