

Tobacco Retail License Fee

Services requested by or provided to the public that do not fall within the definitions of other services identified in the fee article may be subject to the hourly service rate. It is proposed that the rate for a Tobacco Retail License be increased from \$286 to \$297. The current rate of \$286 was based on 45 minute increments for inspections by Environmental Health Bureau staff. Upon review of a time study conducted by the Environmental Health Bureau, the Public Health Bureau and the Sheriff's Department, it was determined that actual time spent on inspections is on average 60 minutes. In addition to this increased time for inspections, the number of retailers proposed in 2012 was 80; however, this number is expected to double as cities create their own Tobacco Retail Licensing ordinances.

The current rate of \$286 includes an administrative fee of 15%; it is proposed to be reduced to 10%. The proposed rate is based on the increased efficiency of administering the program. The fee does not include any educational or social activities however a Chronic Disease Prevention Coordinator does provide technical assistance to tobacco retailers about laws related to the sale of tobacco products.