

Honorable Commissioners,

Health Department staff will attend this week's staff meeting to present information the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department's proposal to amend fees in County Resolutions:

- 03-0007 Regulations for the Operation of Body Art and Piercing Establishments in Lancaster County, Nebraska;
- 02-30 On-site Waste Water Treatment Systems;
- 06-0005 Procedures for the inspection of on-site water supply systems and on-site wastewater treatment systems prior to the sale, transfer, or conveyance of property in Lancaster County, Nebraska;
- 5069 Air Pollution Control; and
- Lincoln-Lancaster County Air Pollution Control Program Regulations and Standards.

Fee increases are necessary to continue to provide mandated services.

Fees for on-site wastewater treatment systems permits and development areas are proposed to increase an average of approximately 3% (\$10 for new standard system). Certification fees for installers will increase \$5. These fee changes will provide revenue needed to operate the on-site wastewater treatment system program, which reviews permits for and conducts on-site inspections of every new and repaired septic system and lagoon.

In the air pollution control program, the fee for a burn permit, which is only charged to businesses, would increase \$5. The fee for asbestos removal project notification will increase \$10. The per hour fee for engineering staff time for developing or reviewing construction permits and for variances are not proposed to increase this year. Fees for Area Sources of Hazardous Air Pollutants are not proposed to be changed as they were just implemented this July. The fee for regulated air emissions will be \$56.50 per ton. In addition, we are consolidating the fee provisions from several sections into one.

In 2006, the Lancaster County Board approved CR 06-0005 Procedures for the inspection of on-site water supply systems and on-site wastewater treatment systems prior to the sale, transfer, or conveyance of property in Lancaster County, Nebraska. This resolution assures that the public's health and the environment are protected when properties that rely on water wells or onsite sewage treatment systems are sold. As of May 2011, over 720 reviews had been completed since the inception of the program. 302 or 42% received initial denials based on the conditions found at the time of inspection, including 79 failed sewage systems. All failed systems were repaired or replaced to protect public health and our environment. In addition, about one dozen water wells have been brought up to current regulatory requirements. Numerous other violations have also been corrected and human health has been protected from bacterial and Nitrate contaminated water. Fee increases are proposed to fully fund the work required in CR 06-0005, so general funds are no longer used for this program. This work includes:

- review and approval of private industry inspection reports;
- phone consultation with owners, buyers, title companies, Realtors;
- conducting inspections, water sampling, laboratory testing of water;
- educating property transfer review inspectors;
- processing required new permits; and
- enforcement if necessary.

The fee is proposed to increase from \$125 to \$190. These same fee changes have been proposed for the Lincoln Municipal Code (LMC) and will be heard before the City Council. If you have any questions, please contact me via email at sholmes@lincoln.ne.gov or call me at 441-8019

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**Resolution No. 5069
Air Pollution
Open Burning Permits**

Section 13. Open Burning Permits. (a) A written application shall be filed with the Director giving reasons why no other practicable method except open burning can be employed to dispose of the refuse involved, the amount and kind of refuse to be burned, the exact location where the burning will take place, including the distances to adjacent structures; and the dates or days and times when the open burning is proposed to take place. Applications from industrial or commercial businesses must be accompanied by payment of a permit fee of ~~\$125.00~~ \$130.00 per day on which burning is to take place. Said fee shall be credited to the Health Fund.

CR No. R-03-0007 Regulations for the operation of body art and piercing establishments in Lancaster County, Nebraska

VI. Body Art Establishment; Permit Fees.

The fee for a body art establishment permit shall be as follows:

Body Art Establishment	Initial	Renewal
One (1) to five (5) stations	\$360.00 <u>\$370.00</u>	\$235.00 <u>\$240.00</u>
Each additional five (5) stations	\$145.00 <u>\$150.00</u>	\$105.00 <u>\$110.00</u>

Any initial body art establishment permit issued after the thirtieth of November of each calendar year shall pay seventy percent (70%) of the yearly fee. Renewal of all body art establishment permits shall be as required in Section VIII. The fees shall be payable to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department and the Health Director shall deposit the fees at the County Treasurer's Office.

XV. Body Art Practitioner Permit; Fees.

(a) The fee for a body art practitioner permit shall be as follows:

Initial Fee	\$70.00 <u>\$75.00</u>
Renewal Fee	\$35.00 <u>\$40.00</u>

(b) The fees shall be payable to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department and the Health Director shall deposit the fees at the County Treasurer's Office.

CR 02-30 On-site Wastewater Treatment Systems

Section XIII. FEES

The following fees for permits are required:

- (a) On-site wastewater treatment system construction permit fee:
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| Standard System | \$335.00 | <u>\$345.00</u> |
| Non-standard System | \$480.00 | <u>\$495.00</u> |
- (b) On-site wastewater treatment system repair permit fee ~~\$185.00~~ \$190.00
- (c) Non-standard on-site wastewater treatment system annual operating permit fee ~~\$65.00~~\$70.00
- (d) Cleaner's permit fee (annual) ~~\$380.00~~ \$390.00
This permit is issued on an annual basis, expires on May 31 of each year, and is renewable on payment of the annual fee and demonstrated compliance with the requirements of this chapter.
- (e) Any person who secures a master installer or journeyman installer registration certificate pursuant to this chapter shall pay the following respective fee:
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| (1) Master Installer | \$25.00 | <u>\$30.00</u> |
| (2) Journeyman Installer | \$25.00 | <u>\$30.00</u> |
| (3) Inspector | \$25.00 | <u>\$30.00</u> |
| (4) Soil Evaluator | \$25.00 | <u>\$30.00</u> |
| (5) Multiple category | \$25.00 | <u>\$30.00</u> |
- (f) Permit Extension Fee ~~\$95.00~~ \$100.00
- (g) Variance Fee ~~\$185.00~~ \$190.00
- (h) Reinstatement Fee ~~\$185.00~~ \$190.00
- (i) Development area review fees
A base fee and a per lot fee shall be paid for Health Director review of any development area as follows:
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| Base fee | \$335.00 | <u>\$345.00</u> |
| Per lot fee | \$25.00 | <u>\$30.00</u> |
| Maximum combined base fee and per lot fee | \$1,100 | <u>\$1,200.00</u> |
- (j) All fees are payable to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department and shall be credited to the Health Fund. No fees will be refunded.

CR No. R-06-0005

Procedures for the inspection of on-site water supply systems and on-site wastewater treatment systems prior to the sale, transfer, or conveyance of property in Lancaster County, Nebraska

Section X. FEES

- (a) Fee for evaluation and review of Property Transfer
Inspector reports and any necessary site visits by Health Director ~~.\$100.00~~ \$190.00

- (b) Property Transfer Inspector permit fees:
 - On-site Wastewater Treatment System
(OWWTS) Property Transfer Inspector ~~\$25.00~~ \$30.00

 - On-site Waste Supply System (OWSS)
Property Transfer Inspector ~~\$25.00~~ \$30.00

 - Both OWWTS & OWSS ~~\$40.00~~ \$50.00

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