

Fee for Pre-Opening/New Owner Inspection

We would like to create a fee to help cover the costs of staff's time supporting pre-opening inspections of new food establishments or the pre-opening inspection of an existing food establishment under a new owner. *This fee would be charged in addition to the food license fee.

Idaho Food Code, IDAPA 16.02.19.840.01. **Inspection Interval**, the regulatory authority must inspect a food establishment at least once a year. The "once a year inspection" is conducted when the food establishment is working under normal conditions. *This is called a routine inspection.

The pre-opening/new owner inspection is conducted prior to the establishment serving the public. The inspector reviews the facility's equipment for accomplishing functions such as handwashing, food preparation and protection, food temperature control, warewashing, providing drinking water, waste retention and disposal, and insect and rodent control. Many have inexperienced food employees.

The time EIPHD staff spend conducting the pre-opening inspection is currently not covered by the food program's license fee or plan review fee is a new establishment.

Here is the breakdown of new food establishment where a pre-opening inspection would have been done in addition to the routine inspection required by the Idaho Food Code.

2009-23...*tracked since July 1, 2009, when plan review fee was created.

2010-56

2011-17

2012- 6...since January 1, 2012

We would like to request the pre-opening/new owner inspection fee be consistent with the city licensed childcare inspection fee. (This takes into account a one hour inspection and travel at 30 minutes round trip.)

***** The fee amount recommended is \$75.00.**

The inspection fee will go into effect on July 1, 2012.