

Proposed Indian River County Environmental Health Fees, Florida Department of Health

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Public Health Service Fee Authority

- Chapter 154, Florida Statutes authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to establish public health service fees.
- Local fees remain in Indian River County to help offset the cost of public health services.
- Local fees support local programs and state programs with fees that don't cover the costs.
- Generally, state and local program fees have not been increased since 2008 and do not cover costs.
- Unlike other counties in the Treasure Coast and Region 5, Indian River County has not charged county fees on facilities or activities with existing state fees.



Environmental Public Health Services

State Mandated Programs with State Fees

- Onsite Sewage Disposal Systems
- Group Care
- Food Hygiene
- Public Swimming Pool
- Public Water Systems
- Well Surveillance
- Mobile Home Parks
- Migrant Labor
- Tanning
- Body Art (Piercing and Tattooing)
- Biomedical Waste
- Coastal Beach Sampling

Local Programs with local County Fees

- Well Construction
- Complaints (Sanitary Nuisance)
- Environmental Control Hearing Board
- Housing and Public Buildings
- Plan Reviews
- PACE-EH
- Demolitions
- Grease Traps
- Certified Drinking Water Laboratory
- Hazardous Material Response
- Small Quantity Generators
- Sharps Collection Program
- Training



Environmental Public Health Services

Increased fees for services will allow state and local general revenue to be allocated to unfunded mandated programs.

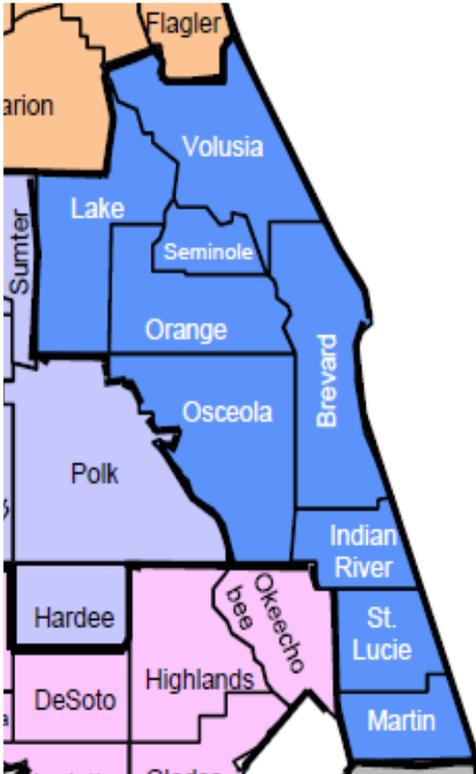
State Mandated Programs (Unfunded)

- Preparedness and Response
- Epidemiology Investigations and Support
 - Foodborne Illness
 - Waterborne Illness
 - Mosquito-borne Illness
 - Poisonings
 - Other Environmental-borne Illness
- Rabies Surveillance and Control
- Lead Monitoring



Public Health Service Fee Method

- Local county fees for state and local programs/activities were reviewed for Indian River, Martin, St Lucie, Brevard, Volusia, Lake, Seminole, Orange and Osceola counties.
- Average local county fees were calculated as a benchmark.
- Proposed local county fees are less than other counties.
- Coding reports were reviewed to determine program costs.
- Complaints and enforcement are not reflected in program specific coding.
- Estimated the increased revenues expected with the proposed local county fees.
- Some proposed new fees such as late, reinspection or operating without a permit fees are a deterrent and difficult to estimate.



Well Construction

- Well permitting is a local program supported by local funds.
- Delegation Agreement with the St Johns River Water Management District, approved by the Board of County Commissioners in 1995.
- Permit fees have not increased since 1995.
- Expenditures exceed well permitting revenues by \$42,227 for the first 3 quarters of the fiscal year.
- Projected loss annually is \$56,302.

County Fees Category	Current Indian River County Fee	Average County Fee Benchmark	Proposed Indian River County Fee	Difference Between Current/Proposed	Facility Services	Estimated Revenue Increase
Well Permit - Irrigation	50	92	75	25	538	13,450
Well Permit-Drinking Residential	75	115	110	35	128	4,480
Well Permit - Drinking Public	250	271	250	Same		
Monitoring Well(s)	100	99	100	Same		
Well Abandonment	25	59	25	Same		
Well Site Visit/Locating		80	75	New	48	3,600
Well Reinspection		53	50	New	48	2,400
Well Variance (Private/Public)	100	110	100	Same		
No Well Application (Double Permit Fee)	Double Fee		Double Fee	New	5	375
Additional County Fee Sample Collection	50	45	50	Same		
Water System Review/Sign-off/Letter		20	20	New	25	625
Grand Total of Estimated Well Revenues						24,930



Public Water Systems (Limited Use)

- Public water systems not permitted by the Department of Environmental Protection.
- State permit fees have not increased since 2008.
- Expenditures exceed Limited Use permitting revenues by \$11,225 for the first 3 quarters of the fiscal year.
- Projected loss annually is \$14,966.
- Increase in Annual Water Collection is to help offset the Laboratory costs.
- NELAC Laboratory for drinking water, fee to offset private auditor as required for licensure.

County Fees Category	Current Indian River County Fee	Average County Fee Benchmark	Proposed Indian River County Fee	Difference Between Current/Proposed	Facility Services	Estimated Revenue Increase
Additional County Fee Limited Use Initial and Annual		43	50	New	39	1,950
Limited Use Annual Water Collection and Lab	250	252	290	40	30	1,200
Addition Limited Use Reinspection Fee	50	55	50	Same		
Limited Use Late Fee	25	45	50	25	3	75
Limited Use Well Sanitary Survey/Environmental Assessment	150	158	150	Same		
Grand Total of Estimated Limited Use Revenues						3,225
Laboratory Fees (5-25)	25		35	10	331	3,310



Public Swimming Pools

- Permit and monitor swimming pools that serve 5 or more units.
- State permit fees have not increased since 2008 and are based the volume of the pool in gallons.
- Increase reinspection and late fees to promote compliance.
- Expenditures exceed pool permitting revenues by \$28,471 for the first 3 quarters of the fiscal year.
- Projected loss annually is \$37,961.

County Fees Category	Current Indian River County Fee	Average County Fee Benchmark	Proposed Indian River County Fee	Difference Between Current/Proposed	Facility Services	Estimated Revenue Increase
Additional County Fee Swimming Pools up to 25,000		65	50	New	354	17,700
Additional County Fee Swimming Pools over 25,000		82	50	New		
Exempted Swimming Pools		60	50	New		
Pool Reinspection Fee per reinspection	50	63	50	Same		
Bathing Lake Fee Collection Plus Lab		30	30	New		
Swimming Pool Late Fee	25	54	50	25	19	475
Grand Total of Estimated Pool Revenues						18,175



Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems

- Permit and inspect onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems (OSTDS).
- Permit and monitor facilities and businesses with operating permits.
- State permit fees have not increased since 2008.
- Contractors requested a reduction in timed inspections.
- Expenditures exceed OSTDS permitting revenues by \$88,764 for the first 3 quarters of the fiscal year.
- Projected loss annually is \$118,382.

County Fees Category	Current Indian River County Fee	Average County Fee Benchmark	Proposed Indian River County Fee	Difference Between Current/Proposed	Facility Services	Estimated Revenue Increase
New OSTDS County Fee		80	60	New	274	16,440
Modification OSTDS County Fee		79	60	New	3	180
Repair OSTDS		61	50	New	714	35,700
Additional Reinspection Fee OSTDS/Mound Inspection		36	25	New	200	5,000
Additional Abandonment Fee		46	30	New	50	1,500
Additional Variance Fee Residential or Commercial		76	75	New	4	300
Plan Review Fee /Stamp Plans		45	35	New	500	17,500
Timed Inspection OSTDS	150	68	100	-50		
Existing System County		37	35	New	10	350
OSTDS Managed System Fee/Annual Operating		64	50	New	118	5,900
OSTDS Septic Disposal/Portable Toilet Service		78	50	New	9	450
OSTDS (Work without permit or after construction begins)	Double Fee		Double Fee	Same		
Grand Total of Estimated OSTDS Revenues						83,320



Local Plan Review

- Previously, there were eight (8) local plan review fees ranging from \$25 to \$100 plus.
- Proposed plan review fees are consolidated allowing for staff to determine fee based on time spent on the project with the ability to charge per hour.
- Local plan review fees have not increased since 2004.
- Approval of plans will include prepayment of fees.
- Expenditures exceed local plan review revenues by \$9,009 for the first 3 quarters of the fiscal year.
- Projected loss annually is \$12,012.

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Plan Review Fee (Minor)	25	59	35	10	153	1,530
Plan Review Fee (Major) Per Hr	75	133	75	Same		
Major Site Plan Amendment/Revised	25	100	35	10	50	500
Grand Total of Estimated Plan Review Revenues						2,030



Food Hygiene

- Permit and monitor food service facilities regulated by the Department of Health.
- Conduct inspections in response to foodborne and waterborne illness reports all food service facilities even those regulated by other agencies.
- Bring all late fees for operating without a permit renewal to \$50 (combined state and county fees)
- State food permitting fees have not been increased since 2009.
- Expenditures exceed food service permitting revenues by \$7,196 for the first 3 quarters of the fiscal year.
- Projected loss annually is \$9,594.

County Fees Category	Current Indian River County Fee	Average County Fee Benchmark	Proposed Indian River County Fee	Difference Between Current/Proposed	Facility Services	Estimated Revenue Increase
Additional Late Food		48	25	5		125
Food Reinspection First Inspection/Inspection Request	50	56	50	Same		
Additional ALF/Residential Food		49	45	New	121	5,445
Additional School Food		52	45	New		
Additional Civic Food		61	45	New		
Additional Detention		48	45	New		
Additional Bars		46	45	New		
Additional Food Plan Review	75	46	75	Same		
Grand Total of Estimated Food Revenues						5,570



Group Care

- Issue inspection certificates and monitor group facilities regulated by the Department of Health such as schools, adult living facilities and other residential housing where services are provided.
- Conduct inspections in response to communicable disease outbreaks in all group care facilities even those regulated by other agencies.
- There are no state fees for group care which is a mandated program.
- Expenditures exceed group care revenues by \$17,545 for the first 3 quarters of the fiscal year.
- Projected loss annually is \$23,393.

County Fees Category	Current Indian River County Fee	Average County Fee Benchmark	Proposed Indian River County Fee	Difference Between Current/Proposed	Facility Services	Estimated Revenue Increase
Group Care Plan Reviews	75	62	75	Same		
Group Care Voluntary	50	68	75	25	2	
Group Care ALF/Residential	50	81	100	50	30	1,500
Group Care Reinspection	50	59	50	Same		
Group Care Schools Private or Charter (up to 250,1000)		85	75	New	10	750
Group Care Late Fee	25		50		2	
Grand Total of Estimated Group Care Revenues						2,250



Migrant Housing

- Permit and monitor migrant housing at least twice a quarter through the harvesting seasons at each facility.
- When there are no critical violations, state fees are waived for the next permitting year.
- Expenditures exceed migrant permitting revenues by \$3,799 for the first 3 quarters of the fiscal year.
- Projected loss annually is \$5,065.

County Fees Category	Current Indian River County Fee	Average County Fee Benchmark	Proposed Indian River County Fee	Difference Between Current/Proposed	Facility Services	Estimated Revenue Increase
Additional Migrant Housing 5-50		58	50	New	1	50
Additional Migrant Housing 51-100		92	75	New	1	75
Additional Migrant Housing > 101		183	100	New	1	100
Migrant Reinspection	50	50	50	Same		
Migrant Plan Review	75	68	75	Same		
Migrant Late Fee	25	42	50	25	0	
Grand Total of Estimated Migrant Revenues						225



Mobile Home/Recreational Vehicle Parks

- Permit and monitor mobile home and recreational vehicle parks and campgrounds.
- When there are no critical violations, state fees are waived for the next permitting year.
- Although coding does not reflect a revenue loss in this program, complaint response in mobile home parks and recreational parks is typically coded to other programs such as septic, water, rodents, rabies and solid waste.

County Fees Category	Current Indian River County Fee	Average County Fee Benchmark	Proposed Indian River County Fee	Difference Between Current/Proposed	Facility Services	Estimated Revenue Increase
Additional Mobile Home Park Fee up to 25		51	50	New	54	2,700
Additional Mobile Home Park Fee up to 25 -149		59	50	New		
Additional Mobile Home Park Fee over 150		63	50	New		
Mobile Home Park Late Fee	25	50	50	25	3	75
Temporary Campground Plan Review/MHP Plan Review	75	62	75	Same		
Grand Total of Estimated Mobile Home Revenues						2,775



Housing & Public Buildings

Hazardous Waste/Environmental Assessments

- No proposed changes in local fees.
- Local programs supported by local county fees and county general revenue.
- Department staff respond to hazardous waste spills in partnership with Emergency Management staff.
- Department staff periodically inspect small quantity generators to ensure that hazardous materials are not disposed of in the landfill or dumped into the sewer system.
- Fees have been in place since 2004.
- Expenditures exceed revenues by \$15,073 for the first 3 quarters of the fiscal year.
- Projected loss annually is \$20,097.

County Fees Category	Current Indian River County Fee	Average County Fee Benchmark	Proposed Indian River County Fee	Difference Between Current/Proposed	Facility Services	Estimated Revenue Increase
Housing and Public Buildings/Any Inspection /Sanitation	50	53	50	Same		
Indoor Air Quality (Residential/Commercial) Per Hr	150		150	Same		
Haz Waste Assessment/Inspection (Small Quantity Generator)	50		50	Same		
Environmental Assessment	150		150	Same		



Demolition Permits and Grease Traps

- No proposed changes in local fees.
- Department staff inspect properties and have hazards abated prior to the County Building Department issuing a demolition permit per County Ordinance.
- Department staff permit , inspect and monitor facilities that have grease traps to protect the County Utilities infrastructure per County Ordinance.
- Fees have been in place since 2004.
- Expenditures exceed demolition approval and grease trap permitting revenues by \$4,720 for the first 3 quarters of the fiscal year.
- Projected loss annually is \$6,293.

County Fees Category	Current Indian River County Fee	Average County Fee Benchmark	Proposed Indian River County Fee	Difference Between Current/Proposed	Facility Services	Estimated Revenue Increase
Demolitions Single Family	75		75	Same		
Demolitions Commerical (<3000 sq ft/>3000 sq ft)	100/150		100/150	Same		
Demolition Reinspection	50		50	Same		
Grease Trap Construction	75		75	Same		
Grease Trap Annual Operating	50		50	Same		



Other Fees

- Double permit fees for facilities operating without an initial operating permit.
- Standard non-compliance fee for permitted facilities requiring more than one reinspection.
- Research/Reports fee to include staff cost.
- Training fee to include preparation, travel and presentation time.
- Rabies testing fee for low risk animals not covered by the state laboratory.
- Removal of the childcare inspection fee for service now provided by Department of Children and Families.
- Removal of Sharps container fee for Indian River County residents, cost covered by IRC Solid Waste

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Double Fees (operating without a permit all programs)			Double Fee	New		
Reinspection/Non Compliance Inspection	50	55	50	Same		
Research/Report/Plus Staff Cost Per Hr	10	13	10	PlusCost	12	200
Training Fee Per Hr			25	New	8	200
Rabies Low Risk or Request for Testing		113	110	New	2	220
Grand Total of Estimated Other Revenues						620



Total Estimated Revenues

- Expenditures are exceeding revenues by \$319,766 for the first 3 quarters of the fiscal year for Environmental Public Health Services.
- If proposed fee increases are approved, it is estimated that Environmental Public Health revenues will increase by \$ 146,430.
- This projection is based historical program numbers.
- Fees will be reevaluated on an annual basis.
- Questions?

