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Proposed Increase in Permit Fees for Retail Food Establishments

Tyler, Texas (October 10, 2023) – NET Health is accepting formal comments on the proposed new District Order that occurred in the 88th Texas Legislative session that were made to Texas Department of State Health Services’ Retail Food Rule Updates, published in August of 2022.

To cover the cost of services provided by our Environmental Health Department, the costs of required permit fees for Retail Food Establishments are being increased. Wording from the current version of the District Order 2016-2 has been crossed out and the replacement text has been underlined. The proposed revisions and fee increases within District Order 2023-1 can be downloaded from the home page of MyNETHealth.org.

The comment period for District Order 2023-1 is open to the public through this Friday October 13, 2023, and NET Health will provide a summary of the comments, and of NET Health’s responses, as a public record. To provide your comment, please include the following items for each comment submitted:

- The specific citation and page number for the referenced proposed rule section
- Recommended alternative language
- A description of how your recommendation will affect public health and the regulated community.

There are two options to submit your comment. You can either:

- (a) Submit your formal comment by email to EnvironmentalHealth@netphd.org
Please include “Formal Comments for NET Health District Order 2023-1” in the subject line.
- (b) Submit your formal comment by postal mail by sending your comments to the address below:

Environmental Health Department
815 North Broadway Ave
Tyler, TX 75702

About the Northeast Texas Public Health District (NET Health)

As the local public health department for the City of Tyler and for Smith County, NET Health serves a vital function for our northeast Texas citizens with our Departments of Immunizations, Tuberculosis Control, Laboratory Services, Vital Statistics, Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Disease Surveillance, Environmental Health, WIC (Women, Infants and Children) and Community Outreach.

The mission of NET Health is to promote health, prevent illness and protect our community. More information is available at MyNETHealth.org. [“Like” us on Facebook](#) and [“Follow” us on Instagram](#).