

9.2 New and Amended Fees and Charges 2021/22

REPORT BY THE FINANCIAL PLANNING COORDINATOR AND SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER

TO 13 OCTOBER 2021 ORDINARY MEETING

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. receive the report by the Financial Planning Coordinator and Senior Environmental Health Officer on the New and Amended Fees and Charges 2021/22; and
2. add the following new fees, as written, and place on public exhibition for 28 days;

<i>Service Type</i>	<i>New Fee</i>	<i>Fee (\$ Inclusive of GST.)</i>	<i>GST.</i>	<i>Price Policy</i>
Environmental Health – Public Health & Food Hygiene.	Cooling Towers - Inspection fee.	212.00	No	DCR.
Environmental Health – Public Health & Food Hygiene.	Cooling Towers - Notification fee.	115.00	No	STAT.
Environmental Health – Public Health & Food Hygiene.	Public Swimming Pools & Spas - Inspection fee.	212.00	No	DCR.
Environmental Health – Public Health & Food Hygiene.	Public Swimming Pools & Spas - Notification fee.	100.00	No	STAT.

3. amend the following fee amount, as written and place on public exhibition for 28 days;

<i>Service Type /Fee</i>	<i>Fee amount (\$)</i>	<i>Amended fee amount (\$)</i>
New registration – barbers, hairdresser, beauticians (No skin penetration procedures).	135.00	100.00
New notification – skin penetration.	135.00	100.00

4. remove the following fees from 2021/22 Fees and Charges;

<i>Service Type /Fee</i>	<i>Fee Amount (\$)</i>	<i>Condition</i>
New registration – All food premises, whether fixed, temporary, mobile or home based.	67.00	Per registration

5. endorse the new fees following the 28 day public exhibition period if no submissions are received.

Executive summary

This report recommends the introduction of a number of new fees and charges for Public Health along with amendments to other existing fees approved in the 2021/22 Operational Plan. Any new fees that are not legislated are required to be placed on public exhibition to provide the public with opportunity for submission.

All recommended changes are shown below under the detailed report section.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil.

Detailed report

New Fees

The following table provides information about the reason for introduction of new service fees.

Service Type	Reason for new fee
Cooling Towers - Inspection fee	This service has not previously been charged for by Council. Council also administers documentation provided by cooling tower owners as part of Council's obligation under Public Health legislation. It is now intended to commence charging for inspections of cooling towers to cover Council's costs.
Cooling Towers - Notification fee	Required for all Cooling Towers under Section 31 of Public Health Act 2010 and Section 13T of Public Health Regulation 2012
Public Swimming Pools & Spas - Inspection fee	This service has not previously been provided except at Council owned pools for no charge. To fulfil Council's obligation under Public Health legislation it is intended to carry out inspections of all public pools and spas. The proposed inspection fee will cover Council's costs.
Public Swimming Pools & Spas - Notification fee	Required for all Public Swimming Pools & Spas under Section 35(2) of Public Health Act 2010 & Section 19 of Public Health Regulation 2012

Amended Fees

The following table provides information about the reason for amendments proposed to existing fees.

the following fee is proposed to be amended;

Service Type	Reason for change
New registration – barbers, hairdresser, beauticians (No skin penetration procedures)	New barbers, hairdressers and beauty salons has previously been charged a registration fee of \$137. It is now considered appropriate in the interest of fairness to reduce that fee to \$100 in line with the skin penetration notification fee (see below).
New notification – skin penetration	Required for all skin penetration premises under Section 38(2) of Public Health Act 2010 & Section 31 of Public Health Regulation 2012

the following fees are proposed to be removed;

Service Type	Reason for change
New registration – All food premises, whether fixed, temporary, mobile or home based	New food premises registrations have previously been charged \$68. This is no longer considered appropriate. Under the Food Act 2003 a new notification process is now required for which there is no fee applicable.

Community Plan implications

Theme	Good Governance
Goal	Good communications and engagement
Strategy	Improve communications between Council and the community and create awareness of Council's roles and responsibilities

Strategic implications

Council Strategies

If the recommendation is approved and no submissions are received the Operational Plan 2021/22 Fees and Charges will be amended.

Council Policies

Not applicable.

Legislation

In accordance with Section 608 of the Local Government Act, Council may charge and recover an approved fee for any service it provides other than an annual charge made under section 496 or 501.

Section 610F (1) of the Local Government Act states that A council must not determine the amount of a fee until it has given public notice of the fee in accordance with this section and has considered any submissions duly made to it during the period of public notice.

These fees must be set with the Operational Plan and can only be amended after the date, if:

- (1) a new service is provided, or the nature or extent of an existing service is changed,
or
- (2) the regulations in accordance with which the fee is determined are amended

Financial implications

This report recommends that the fees and charges within the 2021/22 Operation Plan be amended. Revenue associated with these changes is not anticipated to have a material impact on the 2021/22 Operational Plan or future years.

Associated Risks

Not applicable.

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FINANCIAL PLANNING COORDINATOR

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Attachments: Nil

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

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