

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Health, Business and Tax Regulations Codes - Annual Retail Food Special Event Permit]

Ordinance amending the Health and Business and Tax Regulations Codes to create a new annual retail food permit for food operators participating in special events and set the fees for the new permit.

Existing Law

Currently, the Department of Public Health (“DPH”) issues temporary permits for various types of food establishments to operate special events, such as festivals and other community events. A temporary special event permit (also known as a temporary food facility permit) allows an event sponsor and food operators to operate food establishments for no more than 25 days within every 90-day period.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would create an annual special event permit that would allow food operators to operate for no more than 25 days within each 90-day period over the course of a year, *i.e.*, four 90-day periods. The proposed ordinance would establish application and permit fees for the new annual special event permit and allow the Controller, with input from DPH, to annually adjust the fees for both the existing temporary special event permit and the new annual special event permit. The proposed ordinance would exempt the new annual special event permits from the late fees for temporary special event permit applications.

Background Information

State law allows temporary food facilities to operate for community events where the event is conducted for not more than 25 days in a 90-day period and where the event is of a civic, political, public, or educational nature (such as county fairs, festivals, and other public gather events).

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