

PROPOSED CHANGES TO PUBLIC HEALTH FEES

RADIATION X-RAY PLAN CHECK

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH



The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division (EH), is proposing changes to the Los Angeles County Code, Title 8 – Consumer Protection, Business, and Wage Regulations; Division 1 – Public Health Licenses. These changes impact permit, plan check, and service fees that are collected under the authority of State and County Codes to carry out duties that protect public health and safety.

Overview of Program

EH's Radiation Management Program works under contract with the **California Department of Public Health Radiologic Health Branch** to enforce the laws and regulations addressing ionizing radiation, including radioactive material, designed to protect the public, radiation workers, and the environment. Annual permit fees are set and collected by the State.

Plan check is required as authorized in Los Angeles County Code, Section 11.22.620 for all radiation shielding systems.

Why are the fees changing now?

Fees were last increased in 2018. While fees have remained the same, operational costs have increased annually due to negotiated employee salaries and benefits, along with inflation. From FY 19/20 through FY 25/26, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased by about 25%, and cost-of-living increases approved for County workers totaled 20.5%. Yet fees have remained at 2018 levels despite these cost increases.

A comprehensive fee study was conducted along with an evaluation of current operational costs and the fee levels required to cover those costs. The study reviewed direct and indirect costs associated with program administration, inspection, oversight and enforcement. The fee analysis structure was validated by the LA County Auditor-Controller. The last comprehensive fee study for EH programs was conducted in 2011.

What are the fee changes?

A summary of the proposed fees is listed below. If approved by the Board of Supervisors, fees will go into effect starting December 15, 2026.

To minimize the impact of future increases, starting in FY 27/28, fees will be adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI), with no fee exceeding the reasonable cost of providing services.

SUMMARY OF RADIATION MANAGEMENT FEES

PLAN CHECK FEES	Current fee	Proposed New Fee
RADIOLOGICAL - LOW ENERGY X-RAY	\$622	\$857
RADIOLOGICAL - MEDIUM ENERGY X-RAY	\$977	\$1,543
RADIOLOGICAL - HIGH ENERGY X-RAY	\$1,776	\$2,941
RADIOLOGICAL – LOW/MEDIUM ENERGY X-RAY ADDITIONAL ROOM	NEW	\$153
RADIOLOGICAL – HIGH ENERGY X-RAY ADDITIONAL ROOM	NEW	\$242
RADIOLOGICAL – LINEAR/PET CT	NEW	\$3,198
RADIOLOGICAL – PET THERAPY	NEW	\$5,772

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How to provide feedback

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