

Hamilton County General Health District
PUBLIC HEARING – BOARD OF HEALTH
September 6, 2022 – 3:45 p.m.
Minutes

1. Call to Order

At 3:45 p.m., Dan Meloy, Vice President, called to order the public hearing of the Board of Health of Hamilton County General Health District, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call of Members

Members Present: Dan Meloy, Vice President
James Brett
Tracey A. Puthoff, Esq.
Mark A. Rippe

District Staff Present: Greg Kesterman, Health Commissioner
Dr. Jennifer Mooney, Assistant Health Commissioner
Craig Davidson, Assistant Health Commissioner
Nee Fong Chin, Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney
Greg Varner, Finance Officer

Guests: None

3. Proposed License Fees Presentation

Assistant Health Commissioner Craig Davidson reported that the information presented tonight is the same as in his previous reports to the Board where the proposed license fee adjustment were initially presented as recommendations.

Mr. Davidson reviewed the proposed Environmental Health fee changes. A comprehensive cost methodology was used for the food service operations, retail food establishments, public swimming pools and spas, and public accommodation facilities. The proposed license fees are in alignment with other local health departments across the state and cover HCPH's actual costs. The previous year's costs are the data input into the cost methodology formulas. Vending machine fees are based on a consumer price index provided each year via an Ohio Department of Health memorandum. Mr. Davidson reviewed the proposed increase percentages and explained the variances.

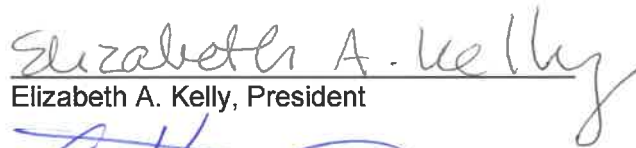
Notices were sent to all licensees at their last known address and were published in the newspaper as required by Ohio Revised Code. Approximately 3,000 notices were sent, and minimal comments were received. One requested information about registering for the food safety course which HCPH provided in follow up. There was only one complaint of price increase. The next step to implement the fee changes is for the Board to consider them at their meeting tonight.

4. Public Comment: None.

5. Adjournment

At 3:52 p.m. **Mr. Rippe** moved to adjourn the public hearing; **Mr. Brett** seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote – All Aye


Elizabeth A. Kelly, President


Greg Kesterman, Secretary
Health Commissioner