

RESOLUTION A-2011

**DECLARING INTENT TO ADOPT REVISED FEES FOR MECHANICAL
OPERATION PERMIT INSPECTIONS OF HOUSEHOLD SEWAGE TREATMENT
SYSTEMS (HSTS)**

The Board of Health of the Hamilton County General Health District met in regular session on February 14, 2011 with the following members present:

Tracey A. Puthoff, President	<u>present</u>
Thomas Chatham, Vice President	<u>absent</u>
Kenneth G. Amend, M.D.	<u>present</u>
Jim Brett	<u>present</u>
Mark A. Rippe	<u>present</u>

Dr. Amend moved for adoption of the following resolution:

Resolution A-2011 declaring intent to adopt revised fees pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code Section 3718.06, Section 3709.09, and Section 3709.21 for mechanical operation permit inspections of household sewage treatment systems

WHEREAS, the Board of Health of the Hamilton County General Health District has the authority pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code Section 3718.06, Section 3709.09, and Section 3709.21 to establish a uniform system of fees for services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health of the Hamilton County General Health District is mandated to provide services that protect the public health and prevent disease; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health of the Hamilton County General Health District permits and inspects all household sewage treatment systems within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health of the Hamilton County General Health District has determined it necessary to revise the fees for mechanical operation permit inspections of household sewage treatment systems pursuant to Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 3718 and Chapter 3709; and

WHEREAS, any entity that would be affected by the revision to the fees for mechanical operation permit inspections of household sewage treatment systems must be advised of the hearing date, time, and location along with the revised fees being proposed at least twenty (20) days prior to such hearing; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Health of the Hamilton County General Health District hereby declares that it intends to revise the fees for mechanical operation permit inspections of household sewage treatment systems as follows:

Proposed Mechanical Operation Permit Inspections Fees of HSTS:

Local Fees:	Initial Inspection:	\$37.00
	Passing First Reinspection:	\$0.00
	Failing First Reinspection (HSTS under a valid Maintenance contract with a Registered Service Provider):	\$18.50
	Failing First Reinspection (Without a valid Maintenance Contact):	\$37.00
	All other Reinspections:	\$37.00

State Fees In addition to the local fee, any state fee portion, which is determined by the Public Health Council pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code, will be added.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by this Board of Health of the Hamilton County General Health District, that the Water Quality Director hereby be directed to notify all entities that would be affected by the revised fees at least (20) days prior to March 14, 2011, on which day a hearing will take place at 6:30 pm at 250 William Howard Taft, Second Floor, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219, at which time the proposed fee revisions may be adopted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Health of the Hamilton County General Health District finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the passage of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Board and that all deliberations of this Board and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with the applicable legal requirement, including Sections 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Mr. Brett seconded the resolution, upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Tracey A. Puthoff, President	<u>yes</u>
Thomas Chatham, Vice President	<u>not present</u>
Kenneth G. Amend, M.D.	<u>yes</u>
Jim Brett	<u>yes</u>
Mark A. Rippe	<u>yes</u>

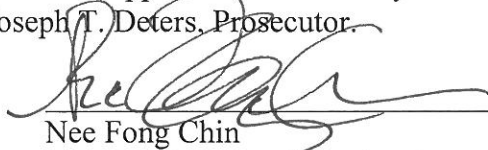
Board of Health of the Hamilton County General Health District

Tracey A. Puthoff
Tracey A. Puthoff, President
Date 2/14/11

Attest: Timothy I. Ingram
Timothy I. Ingram, Health Commissioner
Date Feb. 14, 2011

This resolution was approved as to form by the office of the Hamilton County Prosecuting Attorney, Joseph T. Deters, Prosecutor.

By:



Nee Fong Chin
Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney



Date

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Date: February 8, 2011
To: Tim Ingram, Health Commissioner
From: Clara Hughes, Finance Officer 
Re: 2011-2012 Hamilton County Public Health Budget

Revenues

There are no proposed increases for the charges to cities, townships, and villages for 2011 or 2012.

Food service operation fees are proposed to be reduced to reflect changes in the actual operation expenses, as reflected in the most recent cost methodology. The resulting decrease in food service and vending license fee revenue is \$194,261.

The budget includes a reduction to HSTS operational permit fees by \$3.00 per permit, with the budget reflecting a corresponding revenue decrease of \$38,000.

Personnel

A merit pool of 5% is included in the proposed 2011 budget, and a 3% increase over 2011 personnel costs is then included for 2012.

Four new positions are being proposed in the 2011 budget. One senior health educator position is being requested from the general fund. The Water Quality division budget includes two new positions for Stormwater activities, one as a supervisor and one as a technician. In addition, a sanitarian position in Water Quality that has been held vacant for several years is requested to again be filled to cover inspection activities. No new positions are added in the 2012 budget.

Capital Equipment

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- Two sport utility vehicles for use by Water Quality and Waste Management divisions
- One replacement vehicle for Tb field staff
- Two GPS units for Water Quality and Waste Management staff
- New laptop computers and office furniture for new positions added in 2011
- New laptop computer for the plumbing inspector assigned to Brown County
- One color copier to be shared by Epidemiology, Communicable Disease, and Tb staff

The 2012 budget includes the addition of one vehicle and an additional handheld GPS unit for Stormwater activities.

Other Expenditures

Uniform and personal equipment is increasing due to the purchase of a large number of HCPH uniform apparel as agency replacements, as well as equipment needed for new personnel.

Lab and x-ray service expenditures are increasing for 2011 for Tb xray archiving and newer laboratory processes, as well as expected billing of Water Quality for MSD laboratory services.

Auditing costs are budgeted to increase as we finalize two audits during 2011.

Cash Balances

Agency cash balances were drawn down significantly during 2010 because of the lack of a levy transfer and the delay between grant spending and reimbursement. The grant reimbursement will be seen during 2011, resulting in a projected increase of \$2.38 million, for a total ending cash balance of \$5.27 million. The 2012 estimated budget, as it is currently proposed, would add another \$819,698 to the agency cash reserves.