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Frederick County Board of Health Announces New Environmental Health Service Fees Effective September 1, 2025

FREDERICK, MD -- The Frederick County Board of Health has approved a new cost-of-service adjustment for Environmental Health Services, effective September 1, 2025. This adjustment aims to better align fees with current program expenses while still remaining lower than many other counties in Maryland. The Board also agreed to revisit the cost of services every two years.

The updated fee schedule, available on the Frederick County Health Department's website Health.FrederickCountyMD.gov/EHSfees, reflects the first adjustment since 2009. A comparison to the fees set by other counties in Maryland showed that Frederick County fees were often the lowest in the state due to other counties having adjusted their costs more frequently. Services such as public pool inspections, well water testing, well permits, food service facility annual license, and temporary food permits are included in the list of adjusted costs. While many fees have been increased, the cost of animal rabies vaccination has been kept at \$10 to ensure residents have an affordable way to protect their pets against rabies.

"Our current fees do not account for inflation or the increased expenses of the last 15 years," said Barry Glotfelty, director of Environmental Health Services. "This new fee schedule puts us towards the middle of Maryland counties and will better help us cover our expenses while still not charging as much as other counties."

Information about Environmental Health Services, go to Health.FrederickCountyMD.gov/EHS. More details about the Board of Health can be found on their website FrederickCountyMD.gov/BoardofHealth.

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