



KENT CITY HEALTH BOARD MEETING
Kent City Health Department
201 E. Erie Street
5:30 – 7:00 PM
December 10, 2024



MISSION: Improving Kent City communities by promoting health, preventing disease, and connecting people to public health services.

AGENDA

1. ROLL CALL (1 minute)
2. MINUTES APPROVAL (5 minutes)
November 12, 2024
3. OPEN COMMENTS/GUEST COMMENTS (3 minutes per guest)
 - A. Jalessa Caples Accreditation Coordinator
4. REPORTS (15 minutes)
 - A. Statistical Report for November 2024- Jalessa Caples
 - B. Health Department Report for November 2024- Jalessa Caples
5. DISCUSSION ITEMS (5 minutes)
 - A. Fidget Kits for Tobacco Control
6. ACTION ITEMS (25 minutes)
 - A. Expenditures and Encumbrances November 2024
 - B. Resolution #2024 -004 Acceptance of a resolution to increase local licensing fees for Food Service Operations and Retail Food Establishments in the Kent City Health District – Third and Final Reading
 - C. Resolution #2024-005 Acceptance of a resolution to increase local licensing fees for Public Swimming Pools and Spas in the Kent City Health District – Third and Final Reading
7. EXECUTIVE SESSION
8. ADJOURN MEETING

If you require assistance to attend this meeting, please contact the Health Department at (330) 678-8109.

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Vision: Empowered people, safer environments, and healthier communities.

November Health Department Report
December 10, 2024

1. Nursing Report

a. Communicable Disease –

- i. Cases of COVID 19 hold steady. Expect an increase due to the holidays of all respiratory type illnesses.
- ii. First case of clade 1 M-Pox identified in California by a US resident who had traveled to an outbreak area. Clade1 thought to be decreasing in severity as it spreads to more people. EUA approved for an adult M-Pox vaccine manufactured in Japan for use in children in affected African countries since this is a growing demographic with increased morbidity due to transmission.
- iii. Report of H5N1 (Avian influenza) identified in a child from California with unknown exposure, the child is recovering well with noted co-infections from additional respiratory illnesses. A Canadian teen also tested positive for H5N1 who required intensive care. The individual had no known contacts with ill animals except for the family dog. That is being investigated. Scientists looking at the mutations from recovered virus of the teen, and found concerning mutations that could make the virus better adapted for human-to-human spread. More than just, these identified mutations would have to occur, but the more chances the H5N1 virus gets to infect humans the more chance these mutations will occur. Risk to the population at large remains low.

b. Community Outreach

- i. Joan and Eric attended the Portage County Emergency preparedness symposium 11/15/24. Joan hosted a table with Narcan, gun locks, and other resources. It was well received.
- ii. Pop-up food pantry held 11/27/24. 50 bags distributed. Looking at 12/18/24 for one last event this year.

2. Environmental

a. Food Service Organizations (FSOs)

- i. Will vote on final reading of FSO fees tonight. Joan attended City Council in case concerned bar owner came to discuss FSO fees with City Council, they did not attend. He also did not respond to Joan's email describing fee structure or invitation to attend the Board of Health meeting.
- ii. Nick Cecil, city IT director, set up a meeting with Tyler systems, currently we use their New World platform for Purchase orders and Invoicing. They demonstrated a platform

for environmental health that would cover all programs. It would also allow tracking of projects and communication between departments which would address concerns with items like plan reviews which are a current frustration for Justin. Environmental Health staff were all favorable to this platform. Meeting set up with Rhonda Hall to discuss contracting with Tyler versus the State offered Acella which is less than adequate and would result in needing other programs or the cloud version of Healthspace. Nick obtaining quote from Tyler. Although the cost is steep compared to the State's free offering, the long-term gains, not only for city staff, but business owners are tremendous.

- iii. Justin sent a letter to KSU to ask for clarification regarding Tahini's restaurant but has not had a reply from KSU at the time of this report. Kent Wired published an article stating the reason for closure was the non-critical violations that were noted 4 years in a row. We need to use our process more consistently and document conversations and corrective actions better. This is not the only operator to push against code compliance, but again it comes back to using our process.

b. Housing –

- i. Due to State request to have all property owners identify and report lead pipes from the street into their homes, REHS staff have volunteered to ask property owners during inspections if they are aware of the need to check and report and if they have found or reported any concerns to Central Maintenance (CM). CM will send us a spreadsheet of outstanding unidentified properties which we will crosscheck against our inspection properties.

c. Recreational Water and Campgrounds – No updates

d. Body Art –

- a. 4th pop-up events in total have been identified. Justin still attempting to track down the Acorn Alley event coordinator from October. Attempting to get paperwork completed for number 4. Justin has also had conversations regarding making pop-up at Salon Next permanent which should improve the artist's profit margin.

e. Solid Waste and Water Quality

- i. EPA has asked to meet with Justin at the Mogadore property. To discuss next steps. Three new members of the EPA team seem very eager to tackle this case. However, threatening fines when the landowners do not appear to have the funds has uncertain outcomes for the clean-up we would like to see.

ii, 11/21/24 boil alert for Holly Park was lifted 11/24/24.

3. Vital Statistics –

- a. During the state call requested information on in-depth training for new State VS portal which goes live 1/1/25.

4. Grants –

- a. EPA –Notice for next cycle of grant will open soon
- b. EO23 – Working with grant supervisor for reporting.
- c. WDG – Working on budget revision.
- d. HEAL – Jalessa
- e. TOBACCO – Jalessa

- f. FDA grant – Justin working on next application.
- g. VISTAs – Jalessa

5. Accreditation – Jalessa

6. Other –

- a. Senate Bil 326 would restrict intoxicating Hemp such as Delta 8 products. Currently hemp is free from restrictions (2018 Farm Bill) so farmers can grow it for rope and other materials, but that is for product with less than 0.3%THC. SB 362 would not affect CBD creams and ointments. House Bill 642 would designate the Ohio Department of Agriculture to study the product and set temporary rules for age restrictions, where Delta 8 can be sold and testing standards, along with a penalty for selling to minors. According to Chief toxicologist at Nationwide Children's Hospital accidental poisonings have increased 280% since 2021.
- b. Enbridge gas company encountered a problem while bleeding gas lines causing a large emission of natural gas into the air. KFD went on multiple calls for gas leaks, but none were inside. Gas dissipates in the air and should not cause health problems. The concern is for gas leaks inside structures which are an explosion/fire hazard. Joan took calls from citizens including from Hudson with concerns. Enbridge posted on SM as did the City of Kent.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Seidel 12/2/24

Expenditures and Encumbrances November 2024

11/1/2024	Ohio Division of Real Estate	Burial Permit Fees Oct 2024	\$145.00
11/1/2024	Carroll County General Health District	Epidemiology Services 9/28/24-10/5/24	\$1,700.00
11/5/2024	Ohio Business Machines	Freight Charge for Printer Toner & Collection Container	\$20.00
11/6/2024	Treasurer, State of Ohio	FSO Transmittal Fees Oct 2024	\$28.00
11/13/2024	Billow Company	Cremation Disposition for Indigent Kent Resident #9	\$1,000.00
11/18/2024	National Restaurant Association	ServSafe Food Service Manager Exam	\$32.29
11/20/2024	Sanofi Pasteur Inc.	RABIES Vaccine	\$693.91
11/20/2024	Sanofi Pasteur Inc.	FLUZONE HD Vaccine	\$1,884.68

Resolution #2024-004

December 10, 2024

The Kent City Health District

Acceptance of a resolution to increase local licensing fees

For Food Service Operations and Retail Food Establishments in the Kent City Health District

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-004

A RESOLUTION INCREASING THE LOCAL LICENSE FEES FOR FOOD SERVICE OPERATIONS AND RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE KENT CITY HEALTH DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, annual cost analysis and potential increases in food service license fees are necessary to cover the costs of the Food Safety Program.

WHEREAS, if any section, sentence, or provision of this resolution shall be held or deemed to be invalid for any reason, that invalidity shall not affect the validity of any other part of this resolution which can be given effect without such invalid part or parts;

WHEREAS, the Board of Health finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in those formal actions were in a meeting open to the public in compliance with the law including, Section 121.22 of the Revised code;

WHEREAS, this resolution is hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Board this resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

Therefore, be it Resolved by the Adopted Date Below, By the City of Kent Board of Health, that the following license fees be adopted for the 2025 food service license year:

Risk Level Classification	Local Fee	State Fee	Total License Fee	Change
Risk Class 1 < 25,000 sq. ft.	\$252.00	\$28.00	\$280.00	+\$10
Risk Class 2 < 25,000 sq. ft.	\$282.00	\$28.00	\$310.00	+\$10
Risk Class 3 < 25,000 sq. ft.	\$532.00	\$28.00	\$560.00	+\$25
Risk Class 4 < 25,000 sq. ft.	\$662.00	\$28.00	\$690.00	+\$25
Risk Class 1 ≥ 25,000 sq. ft.	\$362.00	\$28.00	\$390.00	+\$17
Risk Class 2 ≥ 25,000 sq. ft.	\$382.00	\$28.00	\$410.00	+\$20
Risk Class 3 ≥ 25,000 sq. ft.	\$1302.00	\$28.00	\$1330.00	+\$52
Risk Class 4 ≥ 25,000 sq. ft.	\$1392.00	\$28.00	\$1420.00	+\$68
Mobile FSO/RFE – High Risk	\$322.00	\$28.00	\$350.00	+\$10
Mobile FSO/RFE – Low Risk	\$161.00	\$28.00	\$189.00	+\$5
Vending	\$28.26	\$6.00	\$34.26	+\$92
Commercial Temporary FSO/RFE	\$180.00	\$0	\$180.00	+20
Noncommercial Temporary FSO/RFE	\$90.00	\$0	\$90.00	+10

Late Fee: 25% of the Local Health Fee.

This RESOLUTION, after being duly read for the third and final time, _____ moved the adoption of Resolution No. 2024-004 which motion was seconded by _____.

DATE PASSED: _____

Louise Fredrick, President, Board of Health

I, Joan Seidel, Secretary of the Board of Health of the Kent City Health District do hereby certify that the afore going is a true and correct copy of a Resolution of the Board of Health of the City of Kent duly adopted on _____ and appearing in the Board minutes of November 12, 2024.

DATE: _____

Joan Seidel, Secretary to Board of Health

Resolution #2024-005

December 10, 2024

The Kent City Health District

Acceptance of a resolution to adopt local licensing fees

For Public Swimming Pools and Spas in the Kent City Health District

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-005

A RESOLUTION INCREASING THE LOCAL LICENSE FEES FOR PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS AND SPAS IN THE KENT CITY HEALTH DISTRICT

WHEREAS, increases in swimming pool, spa and special use pool fees are necessary to cover the costs of the Public Swimming Pool and Spa Inspection Program;

WHEREAS, if any section, sentence, or provision of this resolution shall be held or deemed to be invalid for any reason, that invalidity shall not affect the validity of any other part of this resolution which can be given effect without such invalid part or parts;

WHEREAS, the Board of Health finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in those formal actions were in a meeting open to the public in compliance with the law including, Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code;

WHEREAS, this resolution is hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Board this resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

Therefore, be it Resolved by the Adopted Date Below, By the City of Kent Board of Health, that the following license fees be adopted for the 2025-2026 Public Swimming Pool and Spa license year:

Public Swimming Pool Program Fee Category	State Fee	Local Fee	2025 (Proposed) Total License Fee	Change
Pool	\$80	\$600	\$680	\$0
Spa	\$80	\$550	\$630	\$75
Special Use Pool	\$80	\$550	\$630	\$75
Additional (locations with multiple pools and spas)				
Pool	\$55	\$600	\$655	\$0
Spa	\$55	\$550	\$605	\$75
Special Use Pool	\$55	\$550	\$605	\$75

This RESOLUTION, after being duly read for the third and final time, _____ moved the adoption of Resolution No. 2024-005 which motion was seconded by_____.

DATE PASSED:_____

Louise Fredrick, President, Board of Health

I, Joan Seidel, Secretary of the Board of Health of the Kent City Health District do hereby certify that the afore going is a true and correct copy of a Resolution of the Board of Health of the City of Kent duly adopted on _____and appearing in the Board minutes of November 12, 2024.

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