

Item 24-0241: Environmental Health Pool Fees

Item 24-0249: Amendment to Rodent Control Article III

Board of Health

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Cathy Spears (Board Chair) 01:18

Moving on to public hearings and appearances, we have none. Action Item 24-0241 environmental health pool fees. Can I have a motion to approve to get it on the table? **[Moved by Lee Vogel and seconded by Alderperson Vaya Jones, but they were not clearly picked up by the microphones.]** Hey. We have a motion and a second. I assume, Dr. Sepers, is this for Steve? Or would you like to take it?

Health Officer Charles Sepers 01:39

Yeah, I will have environmental health supervisor Kihl talk about this this item.

Supervisor Steve Kihl (Environmental Health) 01:49

Director two.

Cathy Spears (Board Chair) 01:51

Director... I have director two on.

Supervisor Steve Kihl (Environmental Health) 01:54

Okay. So last fall, the state approved and published a new Administrative Code ATCP 76 that deals with CFD maintenance training for public swimming pools, and in that they realigned—or they aligned the fee categories to be—to basically simplified all the categories, to just to be simple, moderate, and complex, and then whether they contain features or not. So it was there asked that all the agents for the DATCP program, align their fees by the next renewal, building renewal, period, which is coming up here in May. So that is what that is what this is about. So.

Cathy Spears (Board Chair) 02:41

Excellent. Are there any questions? I just—Alderperson Meltzer.

Alderperson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 02:48

Thank you. Yeah, I found this very confusing. I think the previous license fee categories were a bit confusing as well, but what exactly is the difference between simple moderate and complex? And how does the features thing play into there? Because for me to get a sense of whether this pricing is context—like to put that in context, and just to kind of understand what the changes. Because right now it like, none of it really makes sense to me.

Supervisor Steve Kihl (Environmental Health) 03:21

So there's a—there's an assessment feature that we use that that scores each pool depending on the complexity and what elements comprise the pool—the pool base and whether they have slides. With then with the features, features are defined. So it's all in the administrative code, and we go through an assessment and do rank each pool so to speak and put it into one of those categories.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 03:55

Okay, so for example, the water attraction with up to two slides was the most expensive one in the previous license fee category. Is there—so is there such a thing as a water attraction with more than two slides, and what category would that be in?

Supervisor Steve Kihl (Environmental Health) 04:14

So that's the old fee schedule. Now that would more than likely fall into the "complex pool with features" category.

Health Officer Charles Sepers 04:28

I would just say too that, for the purposes to simply just to simplify what the old categories were, in the memo we did not include all the spurious other fees. So there's, you know, "add one feature" it's an extra fee that—you know, up to several other features it's another fee right. So I—in the purpose of the memo, we just left that off. This is the basic fee schedule. There are other attachment fees, sort of ad hoc if you will, based on the number of features. All of that gets rolled up into the new fee structure based on the on the new admin code.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 05:12

Thank you. That makes a lot of sense. That really helps. Thank you.

Cathy Spears (Board Chair) 05:18

Okay. What do you need? Are there any other questions?

[There was a brief exchange in which it sounded like people were discussing whether the recording of the meeting was working.]

Supervisor Steve Kihl (Environmental Health) 05:44

I just have something to add, if I may.

Cathy Spears (Board Chair) 05:45

Sure.

Supervisor Steve Kihl (Environmental Health) 05:47

So I brought up the actual assessment. So just to clarify your question. The criteria to determine these pool categories is based on if it's a whirlpool, it gets an extra point—a whirlpool or therapy pool, because the temperatures are kept a little higher, so there's a little bit more risk involved with growing bacteria and things. If the recirculation system is designated to more than one cool basin—so you have a lot of like water parks and big water attraction facilities like in the Dells and other places where they have one recirculation system but it goes out to multiple pool basins, and that creates more risks as well with the circulation of the water. Whether or not the pool needs lifeguards. If it's—if the square footage requirement is greater than 2000 square feet, then it requires lifeguards, so then obviously, there's more to do with the regulation of that as well. And if it, if it has features, we talked about that. And then if it's defined as a water attraction. So all those elements go into determining the complexity of the of the pool, whether it's simple, moderate, or complex. If that helps.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 07:03

Awesome. Thank you so much.

Cathy Spears (Board Chair) 07:05

All right.

Health Officer Charles Sepers 07:06

One other quick add, the—as you can see in the memo, the budgetary impact is next to nothing. There's an increase of \$90, but it wasn't a way to increase or decrease fees. It was just to comply with that with that admin code change.

Cathy Spears (Board Chair) 07:30

And we have to comply because it's a Wisconsin code, so we have nothing to really say about it.

Health Officer Charles Sepers 07:36

And as an agent of the program, we have to comply.

Cathy Spears (Board Chair) 07:39

Right. And my only question is then the water testing is a separate fee from this? Or is that in—compiled in this?

Health Officer Charles Sepers 07:48

Those are those are included those—

Cathy Spears (Board Chair) 07:50

Okay. Okay, so really doesn't make that much difference for anyone who has a pool. A public pool, I should say, correct? Because we don't have—the testing of the private pools is voluntary, correct? Okay, just so if anybody's listening and has a pool in their backyard and is concerned, they're gonna get \$770 fee, they won't be. So are there any other questions? Okay, all in favor say aye. Aye. Oh, sorry.

Unknown Board Member 08:20

I thought of a question. Who's responsible for the inspection of the pools that is that the state? Or is that...

Health Officer Charles Sepers 08:29

No, as an agent of the DATCP program, we actually inspect the pools.

Unknown Board Member 08:35

Oh, okay. Thank you.

Cathy Spears (Board Chair) 08:38

And that ensures too that the water testing's done by people that we feel are competent, which is our—I believe, still is our water utilities. Correct?

Supervisor Steve Kihl (Environmental Health) 08:47

That is correct.

Cathy Spears (Board Chair) 08:48

Yep. Any other questions? All in favor say aye. Aye. Opposed? Abstentions? Passes unanimously.

Cathy Spears (Board Chair) 08:59

On to 24-0249. Amendment to the rodent control Article Three. Is there a motion to approve to get it on the agenda?

Deborah Werth (Board of Health) 09:09
So moved.

Cathy Spears (Board Chair) 09:10
Okay. All right. We have that. Dr. Sepers.

Health Officer Charles Sepers 09:14
I will also send this over to Mr. Kihl.

Supervisor Steve Kihl (Environmental Health) 09:22
So this is just a amendment to the ordinance to remove—when we receive a rat complaint at a property, to remove the requirement that the Health Department place bait and exterminate the rats on residential property. The way the old ordinance was written it is the response—Health Department upon notification it is the health department's responsibility to exterminate the rats on that residential property. This is removing that requirement and giving us the ability to write orders and make it the responsibility of the property owner to take care of that problem.

Cathy Spears (Board Chair) 10:02
Okay. Any questions? My question is, what happens commercial; is it similar? Or do we have more control in that? Or if we get a control—a complaint for commercial?

Supervisor Steve Kihl (Environmental Health) 10:19
So the commercial section was broken out. For some reason, the residential and commercial were two separate sections in the code, and the commercial did not have that requirement that the health department do the extermination services. So that will stay the same, and we'll still remain to have the ability to issue orders on commercial properties.

Cathy Spears (Board Chair) 10:43
In—my understanding is the chemicals and the baiting and all that is costly, and they expire and that we haven't—have we had many in the past couple of years, where we've actually gone out and had to bait?

Supervisor Steve Kihl (Environmental Health) 10:58
No, just an informal whole recollection—Michelle Roberts and myself are the two certified pest control operators do that. And we can remember offhand two, maybe three, instances in the last probably 10 years that we've had to go out and do that. And our supply of the pesticides that we use to do that—they're restricted use pesticides so not anybody can just go and buy them. Our supply of those is quite old. And we would have—it's time for us to really discard all of that product and buy new. And that's just costly.

Cathy Spears (Board Chair) 11:41
Any other comments or questions? All in favor, say aye. Aye. Opposed? Abstentions? Ordinance changes passes.