



Food Business Inspection Fees Policy

Council Policy

Renmark Paringa Council

Responsible Officer	Director of Infrastructure and Environmental Services
Relevant Legislation	Food Act 2001 and Food Regulations 2017
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Objective

The objective of the Food Business Inspection Fee Policy is to outline the circumstances that inspection fees are applied to food businesses operating within the Renmark Paringa Council area as provided by the Regulation 13 of the Food Regulations 2017.

Scope

This policy applies to food businesses that are permanent, temporary or mobile in nature. Food businesses are defined under the Food Act 2001 as a business, enterprise or activity (other than a primary food producer) that involves:

- the handling of food intended for sale; or
- the sale of food,

regardless of whether the business, enterprise or activity concerned is of a commercial, charitable or community nature or whether it involves the handling or sale of food on one occasion only.



Policy

1. Standard Routine Inspections
 - 1.1 Council will not impose a fee for the routine inspection of any food business as defined in this policy.
2. Follow-up Inspections
 - 2.1 Council will impose inspection fees for follow-up inspections related to non-compliance with the Food Safety Standards, Food Act 2001 and Food Regulations 2017. Fees will be charged pursuant to Regulation 13 of the Food Regulations 2017.
3. Complaint Inspections
 - 3.1 Council will not impose an inspection fee for an initial inspection carried out in relation to complaints received from the public.
4. Community Groups/Charitable Organisations
 - 4.1 Council will not impose an inspection fee for community groups and charitable organisations or fundraising events.
5. Festivals, Fetes, Shows and Food Markets
 - 5.1 Council will not impose an inspection fee for festivals, fetes, shows or food markets.
6. Mobile Food Vehicles
 - 6.1 Council will not impose an inspection fee for mobile food vehicles.
7. Business with Food Safety Programs
 - 7.1 Council will not impose an inspection fee for food businesses that have formal audited food safety programs.
8. Delegation
 - 8.1 The authority to negotiate/waive or alter food inspection fees charged to businesses is delegated to officers authorised pursuant to Section 94 of the Food Act, 2001.

Document Control

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