



**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ♦ DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
BUREAU OF DISTRICT SURVEILLANCE & ENFORCEMENT
PLAN CHECK PROGRAM**



a. Site Specific Approval

- i. The site specific approval is granted to one permit holder for a specific location, cooking equipment and intended use of the cooking equipment. The approval, once granted, is non transferable. This type of approval is valid for a five (5) year period at which time the permit holder shall apply for re-evaluation. The application for this type of approval may be filed by the food facility permit holder.
- ii. Failure to strictly abide by the stipulations as stated on the Mechanical Exhaust Ventilation Exemption Approval letter will nullify the exemption. The food facility permit holder will be required to submit a new application request for exemption or install an approved mechanical exhaust ventilation system.

b. Equipment Specific Approval

- i. The equipment specific approval is granted for cooking equipment that is manufactured for mass distribution. The approval is for specific equipment and shall not include similar equipment made by the manufacturer with a different model number. The approval will include conditions of use and will be valid for a five (5) year period. The application for this type of approval may be filed by the manufacturer or the manufacturer's authorized agent.
 - ii. Each food facility permit holder that proposes to use this exempted equipment shall submit plans along with menu or list of food that will be cooked in this equipment to the Plan Check Program for review and approval. Failure to strictly abide by the stipulations as stated on the Mechanical Exhaust Ventilation Exemption Approval letter, the food facility permit holder may be required to remove the cooking equipment or install the required mechanical exhaust ventilation system.
8. Once the approval for mechanical exhaust ventilation exemption expires, a permit holder or manufacturer may apply for re-evaluation with a fee. All the necessary documentation and laboratory test results by a certified ANSI laboratory shall be provided with the Application for Mechanical Exhaust Ventilation Exemption.
9. This guideline should not be construed to include requirements from other agencies, such as the local building and/or fire departments. Contact the appropriate local agencies involved to obtain any permits and/or to clarify other local code requirements.



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***COOKING EQUIPMENT EVALUATION FEES**

TYPE OF SERVICE	FEES
Initial Equipment Specific Review	\$1,360.00
Initial Site Specific Review	\$ 680.00
Re-evaluation of cooking equipment with denied initial request	\$ 340.00
Re-evaluation After Expiration	\$ 340.00
Re-evaluation of exempted cooking equipment for a new Public Health Permit holder	\$ 340.00
Follow up field evaluation after Administrative Hearing	\$136.00
Subsequent follow up field evaluation	\$ 136.00

* Fees based on current Los Angeles County Environmental Health hourly rate.
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