

SUMMARY OF FEE ORDINANCE

**SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF SONOMA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING NEW FEES AND
ADJUSTING FEES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026 FOR SONOMA COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY**

On March 24, 2026, pursuant to Government Code Sections 25124(b), the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors conducted a public hearing and adopted an ordinance to adopt new fees and adjust fees for Sonoma County Department of Health Services Public Health Laboratory, effective July 1, 2026. These fee adjustments and new fees are authorized to recover the reasonable cost of providing services. Fees are imposed for a specific benefit conferred or service provided directly to the payor that is not provided to those not charged, and which do not exceed the reasonable costs to provide the benefit or service. Fees are also imposed for reasonable regulatory costs including enforcement inspections, investigations, and audits.

Adoption of the proposed fees for Sonoma County Department of Health Services Public Health Laboratory would result in an overall net fee revenue increase of \$14,317. All Public Health Laboratory fees are proposed to increase by 3% to keep pace with increased operational costs. In addition, the Frozen Yogurt Panel (which includes both Yeast & Mold Count and Coliform testing for soft serve) is proposed to increase from \$38.50 to \$79, representing a 105% increase.

Copies of the proposed ordinance, including the details concerning the proposed fees, are available on-line at <https://sonoma-county.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> and during regular business hours in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, 575 Administration Drive, Room 100A, Santa Rosa, California.

David Guhin, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Sonoma
By: Noelle Francis, Deputy Clerk of the Board

SUPERVISORS:

Rabbitt: Coursey: Gore: Hopkins: Hermosillo:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain: