

Understanding the Risk Level of Food Operations

Low Risk (Risk Level 1): Establishments with limited food preparation and serving only pre-packaged foods, such as convenience stores, coffee shops, or snow cone stands.

Medium Risk (Risk Level 2): Places like sandwich shops, delis, and fast-food restaurants that prepare and cook potentially hazardous foods but have simpler processes.

High Risk (Risk Level 3): Full-service restaurants and establishments involved in complex food preparation, extensive cooking, cooling, and reheating, and preparing food for highly susceptible populations.

High Risk (Risk Level 4): Full-service restaurants and establishments involved in complex food preparation, extensive cooking, cooling, and reheating, and preparing food for highly susceptible populations. Also engaging in Specialized Food Processes such as reduced oxygen packaging (ROP) for extended shelf-life, smoking or curing food, bottling or canning, acidification to control pathogen growth, or freezing to destroy parasites, with proper variances obtained from Indiana Department of Health.

From the Morgan County Fee Ordinance 2025-15:

Food Establishments: No pro-rating of fees will be allowed for these permits.

Plan Review + Pre-Opening Inspections	\$150.00
Risk Level 1	\$150.00
Risk Level 2	200.00
Risk Level 3	300.00
Risk Level 4	400.00

Mobile Units/Caterers: No pro-rating of fees will be allowed for these permits.

Plan Review + Pre-Opening Inspections	\$150.00
Risk Level 1	\$150.00
Risk Level 2	200.00
Risk Level 3	300.00
Risk Level 4	400.00

(This does not include the fee for the Commissary.)