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## **New State Legislation Changes Licensing Fees**

**AMARILLO** – Senate Bill 577 in the Texas Legislature is changing licensing fees for alcoholic beverage licenses and food hygiene licenses issued by the City of Amarillo (COA) Environmental Health Department.

As of Sept. 1, businesses that hold a food hygiene license through the COA Environmental Health Department will no longer have to pay the city portion of their alcoholic beverage permit/license held with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC).

The remaining businesses that hold a TABC license and do not hold a food hygiene license with the COA Environmental Health Department will still need to remit payment of the city portion of their alcoholic beverage permit/license to the COA Accounting Department.

All new TABC pre-qualification packages can be delivered to the COA City Secretary's office at City Hall, 601 S. Buchanan.

For more information, contact the COA Environmental Health Department at (806) 378-9472.

The history and text of Senate Bill 577 can be found at:

[capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=88R&Bill=SB577](https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=88R&Bill=SB577)

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