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Bed & Breakfast Food establishment permits

1 message

The Jackson Rose B&B <jacksonrosebnb@comcast.net>

To: jeffersonBOH@wv.gov

Thu, Jun 23, 2022 at 1:24 PM

Dear Board of Health members,

We have just heard that you are considering lowering the food permit cost for B&B's from the current \$125 to \$65. We fully support that move. We have been in the B&B business for the last 23 years and plan to close at the end of this year. We have seen operating costs – utility (electric & water) in particular – rise exponentially, along with property taxes and permit fees. This year's inflation levels could have a real debilitating effect on the viability of our local B&B's. Any cost reduction will only help to keep more B&B's open. There is a limit to how much of our costs we can pass on to the B&B consumer (our guests).

Please move to lower the cost for food permits for B&B's in Jefferson County.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Deborah Hale

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Proposed Change in Fees for B&B Food Establishment Permits

1 message

Rockhaven B&B <info@rockhavenbnb.com>

To: "JeffersonBOH@wv.gov" <JeffersonBOH@wv.gov>

Wed, Jun 22, 2022 at 1:42 PM

PLEASE SUBMIT OUR COMMENTS TO THE OFFICIAL RECORD:

We are writing to express our support and appreciation for the proposed fee change for food establishment permits for Bed & Breakfasts from \$125 to \$65.

As noted in my previous comments to the Board, Bed & Breakfast establishments have a long tradition in the county and are still in high demand among certain visitor populations. In small towns like Harpers Ferry, restaurants serving breakfast on Monday and Tuesday mornings are in short supply, making the breakfast service very important to guests.

However, the \$125 fee in addition to the \$60 B&B permit is a serious disincentive to operating a true Bed & Breakfast. Owners can net just as much income using an online platform like Airbnb to rent out rooms sans breakfast, and it very tempting to do so. We do not enjoy the income upside of a restaurant serving one to three meals each day to 20 patrons at a time as often as they can turnover their tables. Thus, our fee should rightly be commensurate with the small number of guests to which we can serve a single meal once per day.

This fee reduction will certainly encourage us to continue providing breakfast, and we would appreciate the Board's vote in favor.

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Harper's Ferry B&B

1 message

Annie Britton-Nice <anniebrittonnice@gmail.com>
To: Jeffersonboh@wv.gov

Wed, Jun 22, 2022 at 9:45 AM

On behalf of Ledge House B&B Harper's Ferry I want to thank you for your positive response during this financial difficult times in the hospitality industry. Regards Annie Britton-Nice at Ledge House B&B