

Food Delivery Service Fee Cap

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Fees charged to restaurants without a cap

Uber Eats

30 % for delivery 15% for pickup

GRUBHUB

Often 30% or more



Not public, but fees up to 28% reported

Fees cover:

- Delivery service
- Marketing
- Listing
- Credit card processing

Cities and counties with similar fee caps

San Mateo County:

- South San Francisco
- Millbrae

Northern California:

- Marin County
- Alameda County
- San Francisco
- Oakland
- Berkeley
- Santa Clara (city)
- Santa Cruz (city)
- Fremont
- San Leandro
- Livermore

Southern California:

- Los Angeles (county)
- Los Angeles (city)
- Santa Monica
- Pasadena
- Glendale

Outside California:

- Washington, DC
- New York, NY
- Portland, OR
- Seattle, WA
- St. Louis, MO

Initial Engagement

- SAMCEDA
- Chambers of Commerce
- Delivery Service Providers
- Feedback from restaurants

Timing:

- Temporary emergency regulation
- In place until June 30, 2021, or end of COVID-19 local emergency

Reach:

- Covers all restaurants located in San Mateo County
- Applies in unincorporated and incorporated areas

Prohibits fees charged to restaurants that exceed:

- 15% for delivery orders
- 10% for pick-up orders

Other protections:

- Prohibits reducing driver pay in response to regulation
- Requires restaurant consent for listing, pricing
- Requires increased pricing transparency on customer receipts

Enforcement:

Restaurants can bring lawsuit and recover attorney's fees

Two changes since agenda was posted:

- 1. Regulation terminates June 30, 2021.
- 2. Fee cap excludes optional products and services beyond core delivery & pickup services.

Outreach and Engagement

- 1. San Mateo County Recovery Initiative staff will conduct an outreach and education campaign.
- 2. Restaurants, chambers of commerce, other business organizations and Food Delivery Service providers will be engaged.

