

# The City of *Columbus*

## MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** March 31, 2025  
**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Douglas A. Moore. Public Property Director  
**SUBJECT:** Price increases for eligible meals at the Senior Center

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends the City Council approves price increases for eligible meals at the Senior Center.

**DISCUSSION:** Meals for eligible diners (patrons 60 and over) are a suggested price and are as follows along with the proposed increases:

Meal	Current	Change
Congregate	\$5.00	\$6.00
Take Out Meal	\$5.50	\$7.00
Home Delivered	\$6.00	\$7.00

The Senior Center Advisory Board has approved these increases at their March 20, 2025 meeting.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Currently raw food costs have increased to over \$12.00 per meal. The Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on aging provides funding in the amount of \$2.60 per meal for congregate and take out and \$3.10 per meal for home delivered meals. The city provides any additional funding that is needed. NNeAAA has cut funding on some other programs that helped offset some food costs. We are proposing the new rates go into effect June 1, 2025.

**ALTERNATIVES:** Keep meal prices the same

**CONCURRENCE:** Patty Laska, Senior Center Manager

Approved By: *Douglas A Moore*  
Douglas Moore, Public Property Director

Approved By: *Tara Vasicek*  
Tara Vasicek, City Administrator

**SENIOR CENTER**

**Facility Rental:** \$25 per hour

**Meals:**

All meals are determined through review of funding provided by Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging and the fiscal budget. Meals for eligible diners are considered a suggested contribution per meal. Meals for ineligible diners are fee-based.

*Eligible Diner – 60 and older*  
*Ineligible Diner – 59 and under*

**Congregate Meal**

Eligible Diner ~~\$5~~ \$6 per meal  
Ineligible Diner \$10 per meal

**Take Out Meal:**

Eligible Diner ~~\$5.50~~ \$7 per meal  
Ineligible Diner \$10 per meal

**Home Delivered Meal:**

Eligible Diner Only ~~\$6~~ \$7 per meal