

FEES AND CHARGES RECOMMENDATIONS

Audit, Finance, and Enterprise Committee
March 5, 2020

Fees and Charges Process and Recommendation

- Market comparisons conducted
- Cost of providing service and applicability of fee evaluated
- Advisory board and partner outreach
- Full listing of recommended adjustments/additions/deletions are included in the report
- Proposed effective date: July 1, 2020
- Estimated fiscal impact of all recommendations is \$191,016

Departments recommending modifications



Arts and Culture



Engineering



Municipal Court



Business Services



Falcon Field Airport



Police



Development Services



Library



Transportation

Business Services Department



Recap: ***Business Services fee modification and estimated fiscal impact recap (from 2/24/20)***

- Mobile Food Vendor/Peddler License Revision: \$0
- Business License Fee: + \$100,000
- Special Event/Small Scale Event Fee: + \$100
- Alarm Business Fee Removal: \$0
- Alarm Permit Fee Consolidation: + \$5,050
- 1st False Alarm Fee Removal: - \$39,000
- Technology Improvement Fee Removal: - \$53,200

Total Estimated Fiscal Impact:

+ \$12,950



Arts & Culture Department



Recommendation: **Modify schedule to exclude membership fee ranges and shop rehearsal space**

- **Eliminate** scene shop rehearsal space rental fee, it is no longer used
- **Remove** Membership Circle fees* for Mesa Arts Center Foundation from the City of Mesa Fees and Charges Schedule

Total Estimated Fiscal Impact:

+ \$0

*Membership fees are a pass through to the Mesa Arts Center Foundation, and the revenue is not recognized by the City of Mesa.

Library Services Department



Recommendation: ***Eliminate overdue fines and other material fees***

- ***Eliminate*** daily overdue fines to increase cardholders, circulation, and number of items returned
 - It is part of the Library's mission to provide free information and resources so that individuals can learn and be empowered. By eliminating overdue fines, more people can use library materials and services without fear of incurring fines they cannot afford to pay.
- ***Eliminate*** regular materials fee, audiovisual materials fee, and other materials fee

Total Estimated Fiscal Impact:

- \$30,000



Falcon Field Airport



Recommendation: **Modify the current monthly rental rate of all tiedowns, hangars, and storage rooms**

- **Increase** fee for tiedowns, hangars, and storage rooms **by 3%** to cover increased administrative, maintenance, and operating expenses
- **Increase** fee for waiting list/security deposits **by 3%** to equal one month's current monthly rent, as per the schedule

Total Estimated Fiscal Impact:

+ \$45,976



Police Department



Recommendation: **Add current media types to the schedule**

- **Remove** fees for cassette tape, VCR tape, and CD/DVD recording
- **Add** an audio medium fee of **\$10** and a video medium fee of **\$25**
- **Add** fee description "Upon receipt of request, no refund"

Total Estimated Fiscal Impact:

+ \$10,050

Transportation Department



Recommendation: ***Modify in lieu fee for pavement surfacing replacement***

- ***Increase*** in lieu fee for pavement surfacing replacement **by \$0.15** per square yard from \$1.55 to \$1.70 for cost recovery

Total Estimated Fiscal Impact:

+ \$19,755



Engineering Department



Recommendation: **Modify inspection and license related fees and charges to simplify schedule; add fees for small wireless facilities**

- **Change** section title from After Hour to Inspection Fees
- **Add** an inspection callout fee, a re-inspection fee, and a continued re-inspection fee
- **Eliminate** fee for special inspections
- **Eliminate** fee for Pinal County Water Farms agricultural land lease as the City's final sale of land occurred in 2019
- **Add** a consulting fee and pole reservation fee for small wireless facilities. Estimated 50 pole reservations annually.

Total Estimated Fiscal Impact:

+ \$50,805

Development Services Department



Recommendation: **Modify inspection related fees and charges and add fee for form-based code review**

- **Modify** residential and commercial permits valued under \$25,000 to align with other municipalities
 - **Remove** fee by number of inspections
 - **Add** flat fee based upon permit valuation
- **Add** fee for form-based code review to recover costs associated with review similar to other cost recovery fees
- **Add** note clarifying fees are due at the time of application

Total Estimated Fiscal Impact:

+ \$6,480

Municipal Court Department



Recommendation: *Modify the Municipal Court's Construction Fee*

- **Increase** the Municipal Court's construction fee **by \$3** as per Ordinance 4621 to continue paying off the debt for the construction of the Municipal Court facility
- **Estimated** debt payoff will be FY 2028/29

Total Estimated Fiscal Impact:

+ \$75,000



Next Steps:

- City Council will consider proposed fee amendments **May 4, 2020**
- If approved by City Council, fee adjustments are effective **July 1, 2020**

