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**FY 2026-27**

**Fees & Charges  
Recommendations**

# Process and Recommendation

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Market comparisons conducted

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Cost of providing service and applicability of fee evaluated

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Full listing of recommended adjustments, additions, and deletions are included in the report

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Proposed effective date: July 1, 2026

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Estimated impact on revenue of all recommendations is an increase of **\$2,652,315**

# Departments Recommending Modifications



Arts & Culture



Business Services



City Clerk



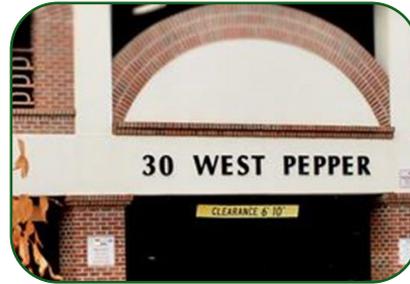
Code Compliance



Development Services



Municipal Court



Office of Urban Transformation



Transportation

# Arts & Culture

## *New* Mesa Arts Center Ticket Refund Protection

- Optional add-on at checkout that provides a full ticket refund if covered unforeseen circumstances prevent attendance.
- Proposed ticket protection fee: 8% of the ticket/order total.

## *Increase* idea Museum Admission Fee

- Increase range to \$15 for admission fee for all attendees age 1+.



**Total Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$176,035**

# Business Services

## *Increase* Business License Application Fee/License Fee

- Raise the new application/license fee from \$10 to \$25.
- Matches \$25 Annual Renewal Fee.

## *New* Business License Late Fee

- Establish \$10 late fee.
- City Code 5-5-5 (B) enables collection of late fees for business licenses and blocks future issuances until all fees are paid in full.

## *New* Paper Billing Utility Mailing Fee\*

- Recommend \$1.50 fee applied to customers who choose paper bills to offset increased postage rates and administrative expenses.

*\*Effective Date: October 1, 2026*



**Total Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$1,749,780**

# City Clerk

## *Update* Commercial Public Record Request Fee

- The fee currently exists in some departments at varying amounts.
- Propose a consistent \$25/hour fee to apply citywide requests through the City Clerk.
- Public agencies may charge fees to fulfill these requests under A.R.S. § 39-121.03.



**Total Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$525**

# Code Compliance

## *Increase* Administrative Lien Fee

- Increase from \$20.00 to \$60.00 to match the Maricopa County Recorder's Fee.

## *New* Civil Citation Fines for Non-Residential Properties

- Implement higher fine ranges intended for non-residential properties:
  - 1st violation: \$750-\$1,500 per violation
  - 2nd violation: \$1,250-\$2,000 per violation
  - 3rd violation: \$1,750-\$2,500 per violation

## *New* Title Search Fee

- A \$650 title search fee, assessed only after all internal search efforts fail, would allow the City to use a title company to identify a property owner with outstanding violations.

## *New* Certified Mail Fee

- Charge a \$15 fee for each certified mail sent when a citation cannot be served in person to recover mailing costs.



**Total Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$166,000**

# Development Services

## *Updates* to Development Services:

- Code Compliance Fee Schedule to be relocated as standalone fee schedule.

## *Updates* to Planning Services:

- **New** Employment Opportunity District Fee (\$4,800 + \$78/acre)
- **New** Map of Dedication Fee (\$100)
- **New** Planning Resubmittal Fee (20% of original application fee)

## *Administrative Updates* to Planning Services

- Standardizing language/formatting in the Fee Schedule to provide applicants with greater clarity, renaming of fees, and remove obsolete fees.



**Total Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$18,500**

# Municipal Court

## *Increase* Court Construction Fee

- The fee increases by \$3 every three years per Mesa Ordinance No. 4621.
- The fee will rise from \$34.50 to \$37.50 per case on July 1, 2026.



**Total Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$81,525**

# Office of Urban Transformation

## *Increase* Daily Permit Parking Rate

- Rate will rise from \$2.50 to \$4.00 on July 1, 2026.
- Applies to 1,034 spaces across four garages and four surface lots in downtown Mesa (approx. 1300 spaces in total).



**Total Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$1,950**

# Transportation

## *Increase* Traffic Signal In-Lieu Fees

- Last updated in 2019; Proposed fees reflect current market costs paid by the City:
  - Four-leg intersection: \$225,000 per quadrant
  - "T" intersection: \$200,000 per share

## *Increase* Pavement Surfacing Replacement In-Lieu Payments

- Propose increasing the fee from \$2.75 to \$4.00 per square yard to recover higher material costs.

## *Add* Tech Fee Language

- Include language from Development Services for fee applied to Temporary Traffic Control Fees.



**Total Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$458,000**

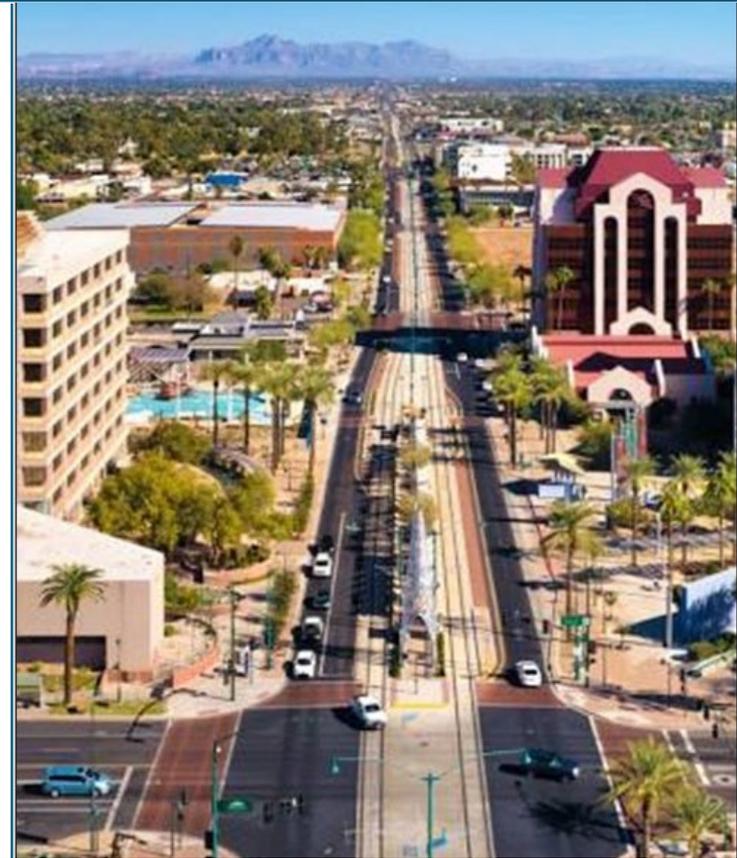
# Administrative Fee Update

*Move* Animal Control fees from Police Department to Community Services Department.

*Move* Alarm Fines, Fees, and Assessments from Police Department to Business Services Department.

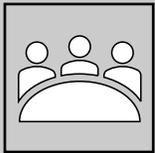
*Rename* "MVA" to "911 Recordings" on Mesa Fire & Medical Fee Schedule.

*Rename* "Police, City Prosecutor's Office & Animal Control Division" Fee Schedule to "Police".



**Total Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$0**

# Next Steps



City Council to consider proposed fees and charges amendments on **June 1, 2026**.



If approved by City Council, fee & charges adjustments are effective **July 1, 2026\***

*\*Business Services Utility Bill Fee Effective October 1, 2026*



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