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FY 2026-27

**Fees & Charges
Recommendations**

Process and Recommendation

Market comparisons conducted

Cost of providing service and applicability of fee evaluated

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

Proposed effective date: July 1, 2026

Estimated impact on revenue of all recommendations is an increase of **\$2,501,815**

Departments Recommending Modifications



Arts & Culture



Business Services



City Clerk



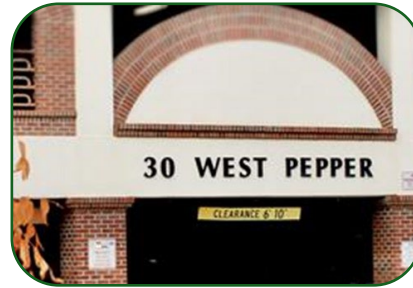
Code Compliance



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 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: \$16,000

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* 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: \$18,000

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.

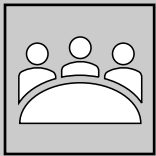
Rename "MVA" to "911 Recordings" on Mesa Fire & Medical Fee Schedule.

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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