

FY 2026/27 Fees and Charges

Finance Department

City Council
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USER FEES

- **Recover costs** of programs that provide direct **benefit to an individual or business** requesting a specific service.
- **Reduce subsidies** from general purpose revenues, primarily taxpayer dollars
- May not exceed the **estimated “reasonable” cost** of providing service activity



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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF FEES

- **2015:** Citywide fees and charges study
- **2021:** Fees and charges study initiated
- **2022:** Study placed on hold pending new City Manager
- **2023:** 7.5% CPI increase adopted pending completion of the study
- **2024-2025:** Fee study refreshed with updated data. City Council adopted comprehensive fees and charges increases. Based on estimated FY 2023/24 costs.

RMC requires annual adoption of Master Fees and Charges Schedule



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FY 2026/27 PROPOSED MASTER FEES AND CHARGES

- Consumer Price Index Increases
- Rounding Adjustments
- Proposed New Fees, Late Fees, and Elimination of Fees



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CPI INCREASE

- 5.7% increase for most Fiscal Year 2026/27 Fees and Charges.
- Ensure that revenues collected for services keep pace with the rising cost of providing those services and align with Council approved cost recovery policies.
- CPI adjustment complements, rather than replaces, the broader comprehensive fee review process that is conducted every 3 to 5 years.



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Development Fees

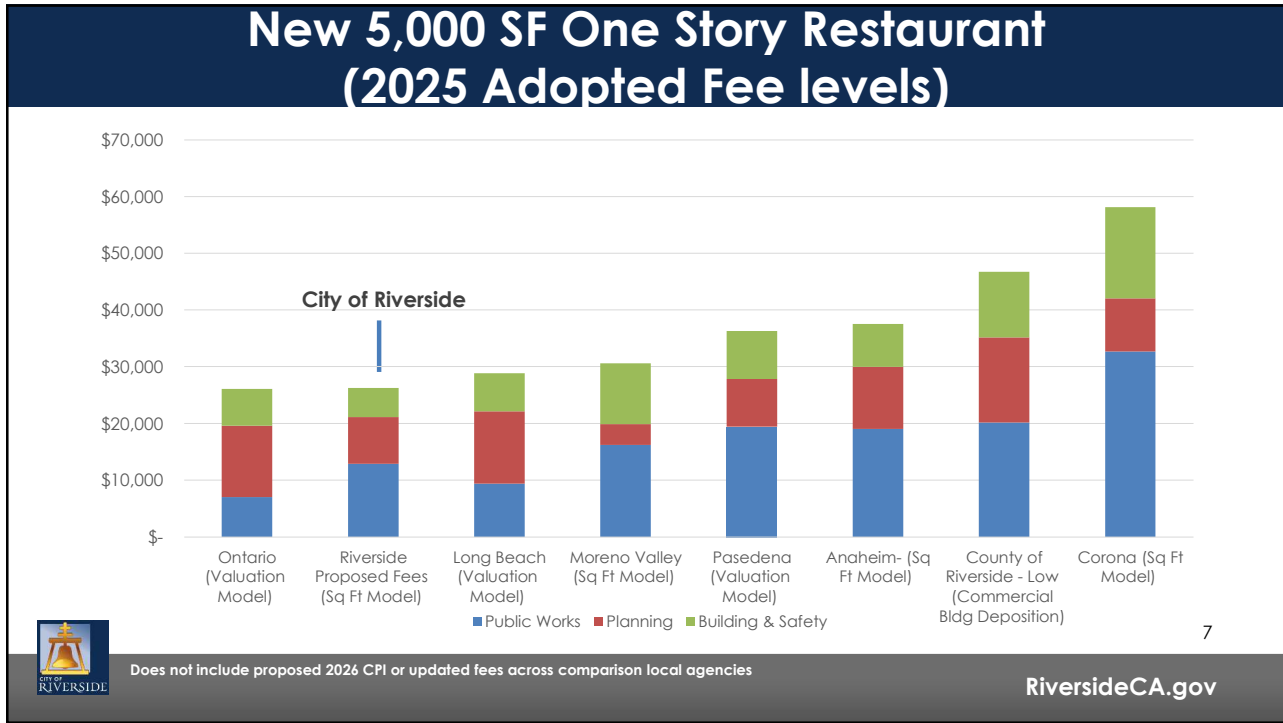
- City Council approved 80% cost recovery for most development fees and charges in 2025 based on a comprehensive fee study.
- 2025 comparative analysis found that Riverside development fees and charges adopted in 2025 fell in the middle to low end of the scale compared to the six market basket cities.
- 2026 Development Impact Fee study conducted by Western Regional Council of Governments found that Riverside had the lowest level of development impact fees across most project types when compared to cities in the region.



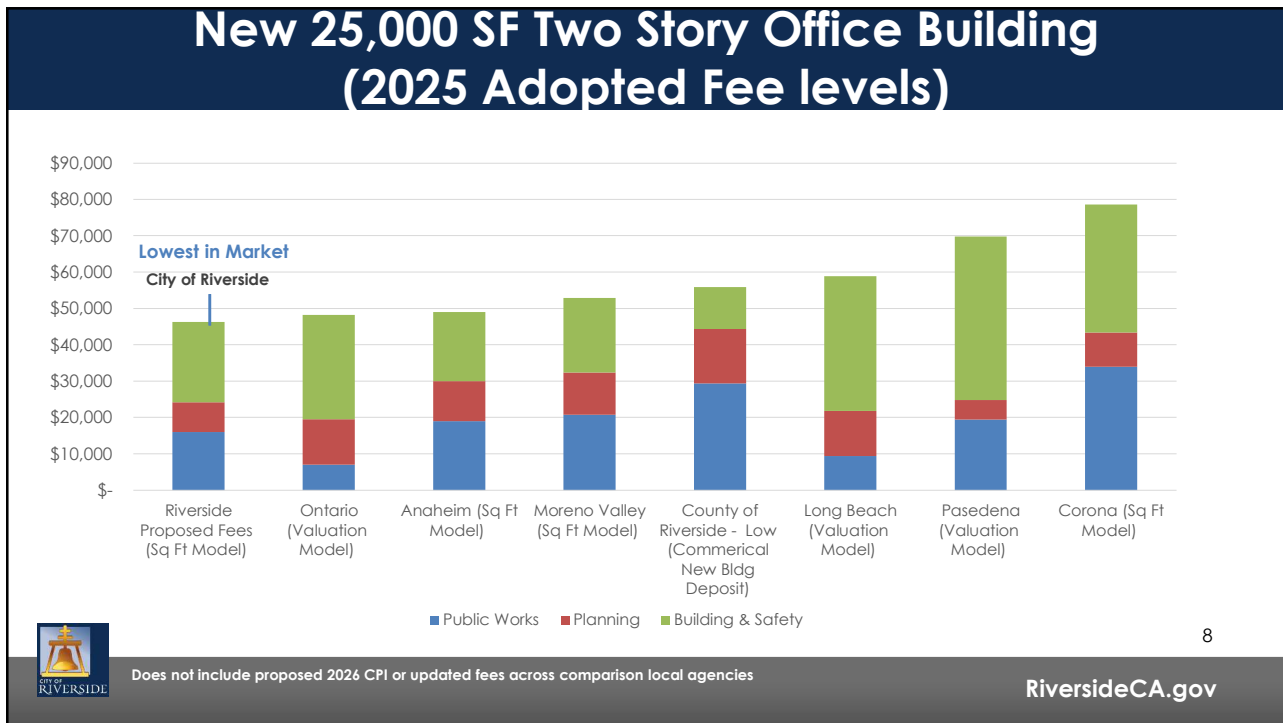
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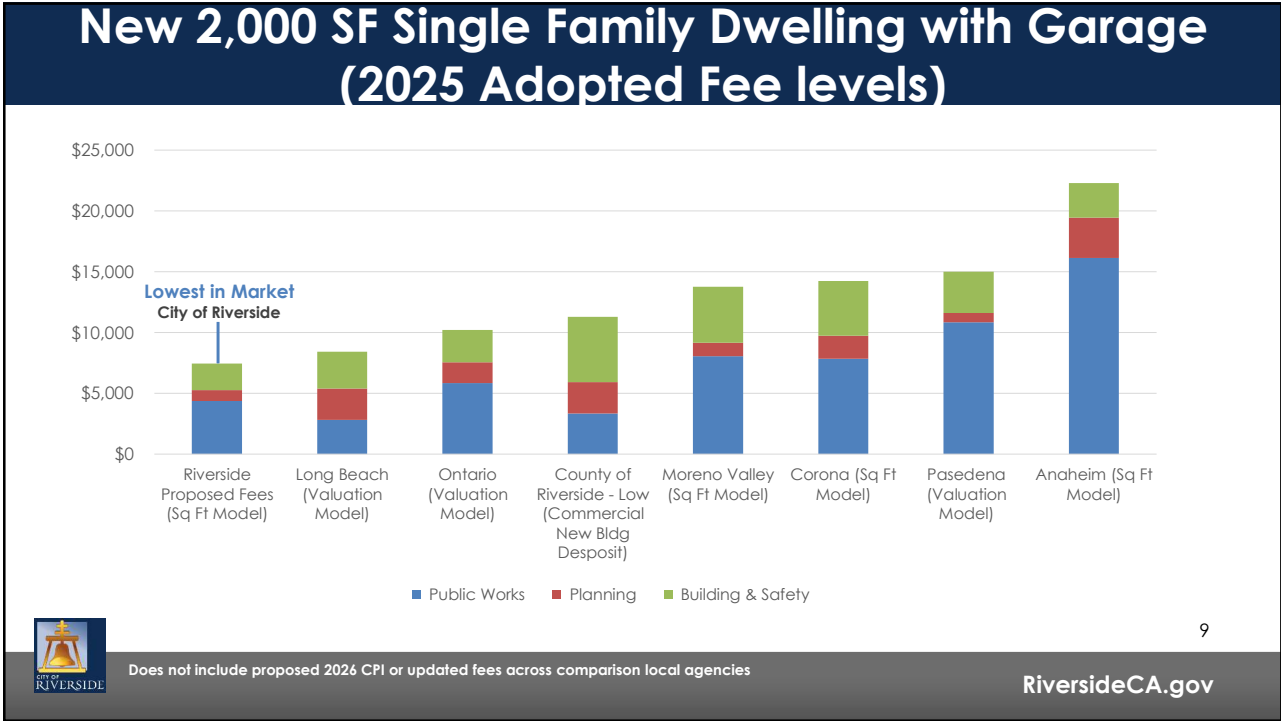
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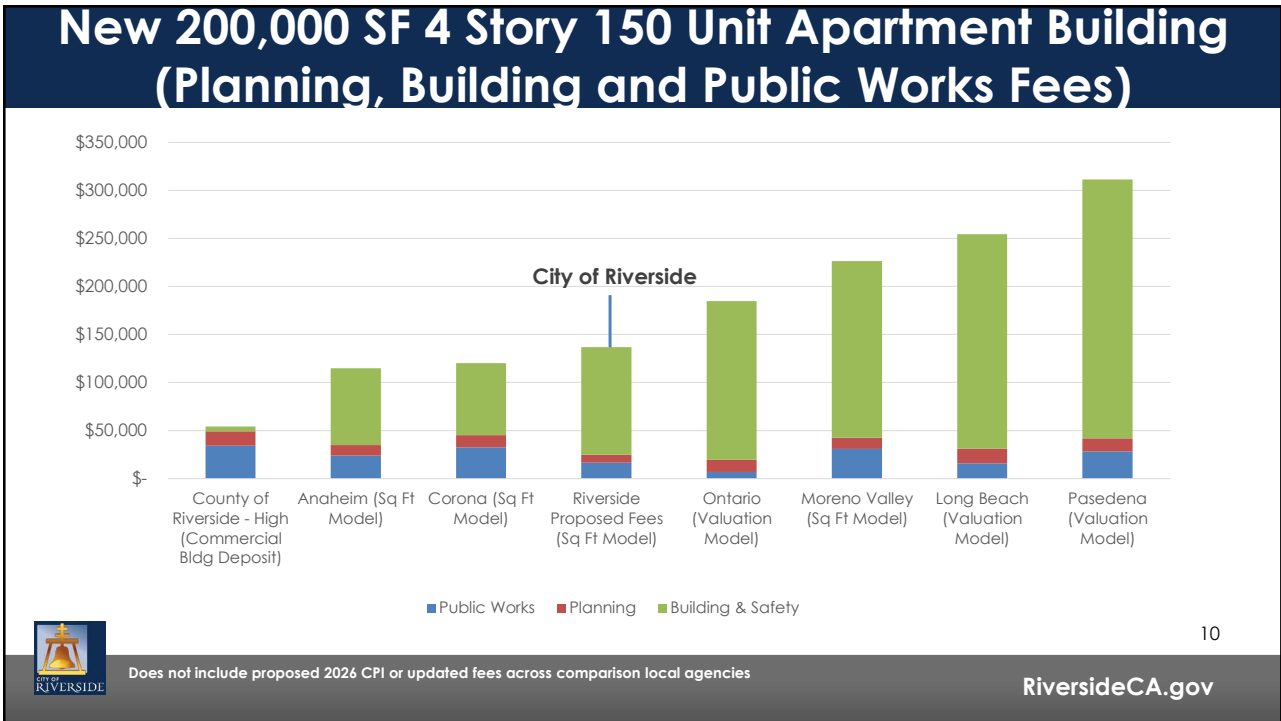
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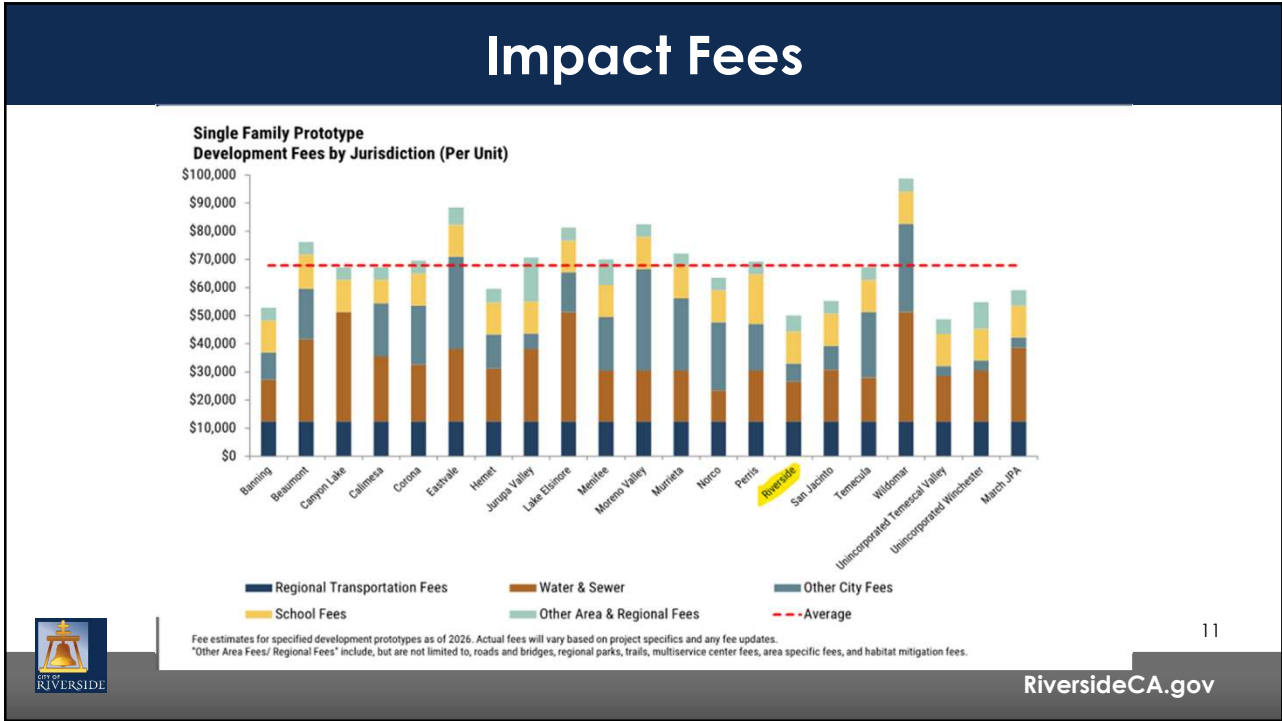
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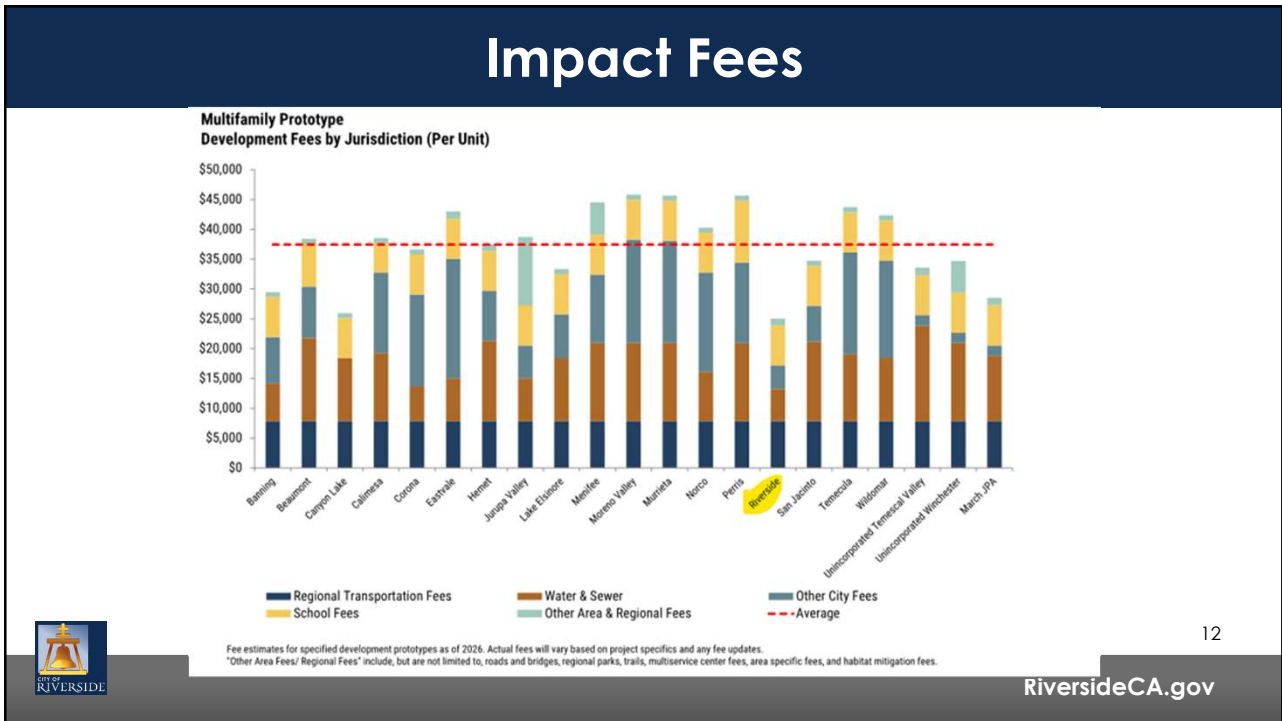
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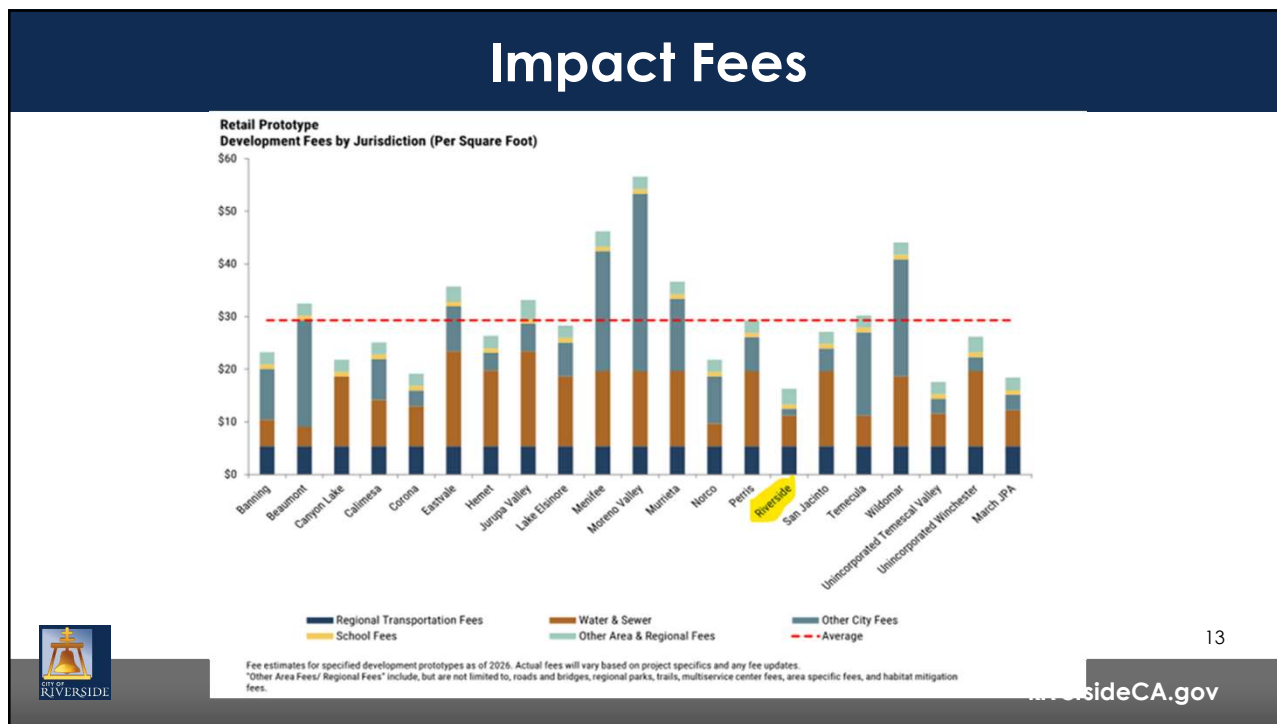
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ROUNDING ADJUSTMENT

- U.S. Treasury discontinued penny production on November 12, 2025.
- Rounding included in Master Fees and Charges schedule for most fees.
- Request authority to round the final payment to the nearest nickel or dollar, whichever is more practical, for fees/charges and final invoices that contain pennies.

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FY 2026/27 ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

- Additions and deletions to have been incorporated to the Fees and Charges for the following departments
 - Office of the City Clerk
 - Public Records Duplication Fees
 - Notary Fees
 - Fire Department
 - Late Fees for Defensible Space Inspection/Reinspection & Fire Safety Inspections
 - Parks, Recreation and Community Services
 - Addition of New Fees for services provided and deletion of various fees/charges
 - Public Works
 - Parking violation late fees, County Animal Services alignment, and Refuse contamination fee



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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. Conduct a public hearing on the City of Riverside's Proposed Fiscal Year 2026/27 Master Fees and Charges Schedule;
2. Introduce an ordinance amending the Riverside Municipal Code (RMC) Chapter 3.30 Section 3.30.030 – Schedule of Regulation, Products and Services, adding two categories and eight additional fees; and
3. Adopt a Resolution approving the Proposed Fiscal Year 2026/27 Master Fees and Charges Schedule.



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