



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

- Propose a revision to the Riverside Municipal Code to require the Finance Department to recommend CPI increases for fees and charges as part of the required annual adoption by City Council.
- 5.7% increase for Fiscal Year 2026/27 Fees and Charges



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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



RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. Receive and provide input on the Fiscal Year 2026/27 Master Fees and Charges Schedule.
2. Receive and provide input on the revision of the Riverside Municipal Code to apply an annual inflator to the fees and charges based on the Consumer Price Index; and
3. Set a public hearing to occur on June 23, 2026, for the adoption of the proposed user fees and charges and resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2026/27 Master Fees and Charges Schedule and proposed municipal code changes.

