

PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS TO CITY FEES AND CHARGES FISCAL YEAR 2022

The City of Long Beach will conduct a public hearing to adopt the resolution amending the Master Fee and Charges Schedule on May 10, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the Civic Chambers at 411 West Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, California, 90802. The City has begun a major multi-year cost of service study to review all fees. The study is being done department-by-department. The proposed changes include recommendations from the Energy Resources and Public Works Departments based on completed cost of service studies which were presented to City Council on February 1, 2022. Finally, fees have been added, adjusted or deleted due to a change in service or other basis required for operational purposes. Those adjustments are proposed in the following departments:

CITY MANAGER – CANNABIS SOCIAL EQUITY PROGRAM FEE. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES – BUILDING: PLAN CHECK FEES – ELECTRICAL PLAN CHECK. CODE ENFORCEMENT: SUBSTANDARD PROGRAM, WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM, ABANDONED VEHICLE PROGRAM, VACANT BUILDING MONITORING. HOUSING SERVICES: IN-LIEU PAYMENTS. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES – ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES: FOOD PROGRAM FEES – SOFT SERVE. SPECIAL PROGRAM FEES, PLAN CHECK FEES – CANNABIS. PARKS, RECREATION, AND MARINE – TIDELANDS FEES: MARINA FEES. ANIMAL CARE SERVICES: INOCULATIONS AND MEDICAL CARE. PUBLIC WORKS: PARKING MANAGEMENT.

For details regarding these proposed new and adjusted fees, please see the attached List of Proposed Adjustments for Mid-Year Fiscal Year 2022 or visit our website at <http://www.longbeach.gov/feesandcharges>. This list includes the amount of cost, or estimated cost, required to provide the service for which the fee or charge is levied, and the revenue sources anticipated to provide the service.

On September 5, 2017, the City Council adopted an amended Financial Policy on *User Fees and Charges*, which reads:

User Fees and Charges Will be Set at the Cost of the Service

Background – Fees and associated charges are associated with recovering the cost of providing a service. The City can charge up to the full cost of providing a service.

Policy –

- a. *Fees will be set at a level to fully recover costs, except where there is a greater public benefit through use of a lower fee, such as where full recovery may adversely impact overall revenue or may discourage participation in programs where the participation benefits the overall community.*
- b. *The City Manager will establish a process to for in-depth review of all fees over time. The review, while eventually covering all fees, should emphasize those that have or may have significant subvention (may not be at full cost).*

Per the City Council's adopted Financial Policies, the City has redoubled its efforts to improve cost recovery through all appropriate user fees for services to better preserve General Fund services that would otherwise face reduction and to maintain a structurally balanced budget.

Questions or concerns about changes to City fees can be addressed by calling (562) 570-FEES or (562) 570-6132.