The City of Long Beach will conduct a public hearing to adopt the resolution amending the Master Fee and Charges Schedule on May 18, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Civic Chambers at 411 West Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, California, 90802. All user fees and charges in the Master Fee and Charges Schedule will be increased by the City Cost Index, a calculation of the increase in the City’s cost over the previous fiscal year, except for those that have been exempted. 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 department recommendations based on completed cost of service studies of the Parks, Recreation and Marine and the Development Services Departments. Finally, fees have been added, adjusted or deleted due to a change in service or other basis required for operational purposes. Adjustments are proposed in the following departments:

For a listing of proposed fee changes, including new fees and fee increases, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at (562) 570-6101. Documents are available for public viewing through the Office of the City Clerk (Monday through Friday 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM) 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.