

PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS TO CITY FEES AND CHARGES FISCAL YEAR 2023

The City of Long Beach will conduct a public hearing to adopt the resolution amending the Master Fee and Charges Schedule on May 23, 2023 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 Police, Fire, and Health & Human Services Departments based on completed cost of service studies which were presented to City Council on April 18, 2023. 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:

LONG BEACH AIRPORT – AIRLINE FEES. VEHICLE PARKING FEES. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES – HOUSING PROJECT TITLE REPORT FEE. HOUSING PROJECT COVENANT RECORDATION FEE. GARAGE SALE INSPECTION EXPEDITE FEE. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT – STATE-MANDATED ADA FEE. PUBLIC WORKS: CITY FACILITY KEY DEPOSIT.

For details regarding these proposed new and adjusted fees, please see the attached List of Proposed Adjustments for Mid-Year Fiscal Year 2023 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 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.