

PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS TO CITY FEES AND CHARGES FISCAL YEAR 2024

The City of Long Beach will conduct a public hearing to adopt the resolution amending the Master Fee and Charges Schedule on September 5, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the Civic Chambers at 411 W. Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, California, 90802. All user fees and charges in the Master Fee and Charges Schedule will be increased by the City Cost Index (5.30 percent), which is a calculation of the City's cost increase over the previous fiscal year, except for those that have been exempted. The City Council will consider the adoption of fee changes for operational purposes. FY 2024 adjustments are being proposed in the following departments and service areas:

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES – PLANNING FEES. ENERGY RESOURCES – GAS UTILITY FEES (transfer to LB Utilities only) FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT – CANNABIS BUSINESS RENEWAL, PREFERENTIAL PARKING PERMIT, PARKING CITATION FEES. FIRE – MISCELLANEOUS PERMITS AND FEES. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – CERTIFIED UNIFIED PROGRAM AGENCY (CUPA) FEES, FOOD PROGRAM FEES, SOFT SERVE FEE. LIBRARY SERVICES – REMOVAL OF FINES AND PENALTIES. PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE – ANIMAL CARE SERVICES FEES, GOLF OPERATION FEES, TIDELANDS (MARINA) FEES. PUBLIC WORKS – CITY STREET TREES FEES, PARKING MANAGEMENT FEES, PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT FEE SCHEDULE, TRAFFIC OPERATIONS.

For details regarding these proposed new fees, fee deletions, and fee changes (increases/decreases), please visit our website at <http://www.longbeach.gov/feesandcharges>. This list includes the required cost 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 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.