



2026 Dakota County Fee Schedules

COUNTY BOARD

November 4, 2025

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Background

- Finance Coordinated Process
- Departmental Contributions
- Criminal Justice Network fees are being removed; and will not be part of the Fee Schedule Process
- Presented to SLT – September 18th
- Posted on County Website after GGP
 - <https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/notices/Pages/2026-fee-schedules.aspx>
- Public Hearing and Adoption – November 4th

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- Effective on January 1, 2026
 - (some Parks fees effective late 2025)
- 3% increase over 2025, with some exceptions
 - Exceptions are noted
- Exceptions for not setting fee at actual cost:
 - Fee established by law or rule
 - Difficult to determine actual cost of service for fee

Highlights of New Fees for 2026

- Community Service Fees
 - Family Child Care Licensing fees are being added back on for 2026
 - Juvenile Services Center Enhanced Services Per Diem Fee - \$200.00
 - Radon Test Kits - \$10.00
- Environmental Resources Fees
 - Standard or Smaller Bicycle Tire Recycling - \$1.00
 - Other Hazardous Waste – 24.5% above the contract price
- Public Service & Revenue
 - Judicial Address Protection Fees \$75.00

Highlights of Eliminated Fees for 2026

Community Service Fees

- Corporate Foster Care Licensing
- Juvenile Services Center - Out-of-County Mental Health Per Diem fee
- Refugee Health Assessment fee

Parks

- Rates for one and two years in advance for Dakota Lodge in Thompson Park Center & Gathering Room in Schaar's Bluff – Only current year rate is now applicable to simplify fees.

Public Service & Revenue

- Elections – Address Labels/Spreadsheet

Fee Increases – Over 5%

Community Services

- Juvenile Services Center Per Diem
- Immunization Fees: TB Skin Test TST (Mantoux)

Environmental Resources

- Water Supply Testing and Delegated Well Program
- PCB Ballasts
- Miscellaneous – Chemicals, Aerosols, Propane Cylinders & Batteries.

Parks

- Picnic Shelters
- Other Fees: Park Patrol (per hour) & Operations Staff (per hour)

Public Service & Revenue

- Marriage Licenses Fees

What is next?

- County Board adoption following the public hearing
- Adopted fees incorporated into the County Manager's recommended 2026 budget
- Review of all county fees in 2026
 - Cost recovery analysis
 - Metro county benchmarking

Questions?