

#### **COUNTY BOARD**

November 4, 2025

### 2026 Dakota County Fee Schedules



# **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-feeschedules.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

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# 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

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#### 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

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Questions?