



2026 Dakota County Fee Schedules

GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND POLICY COMMITTEE

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Background

- Finance Coordinated Process
- Departmental Contributions
- Criminal Justice Network Fee are being removed; and will not be part of the Fee Schedule Process
- An MN Statute had impacted the Environmental Resources Well Construction Fee by over 100%
- Presented to SLT – September 18th
- Posted on County Website after GGP
- 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
 - New Inspection (for one-year license) - \$50.00
 - Inspection Renewal (for two-year license) - \$100.00
 - 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
 - ❑ New Inspection (for 1 yr. license)
 - ❑ Inspection Renewal (for 2 yr. license)
 - ❑ Community Correction
 - ❑ Juvenile Services Center - Out-of-County Mental Health Per Diem fee
 - ❑ Public Health
 - ❑ Refugee Health Assessment fee
- ❑ **Parks**
 - ❑ Dakota Lodge in Thompson Park Center & Gathering Room in Schaar's Bluff
- ❑ **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

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Fee Increases – Over 5%

Community Services

Fee Description	2025 Fee (\$)	2026 Proposed Fee (\$)	% Change
Cost Driven:			
Juvenile Services Center Per Diem	\$400.00	\$475.00	19%
Immunization Fees: TB Skin Test TST (Mantoux)	\$25.00	\$40.00	60%

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Environmental Resources

Fee Description	2025 Fee (\$)	2026 Proposed Fee (\$)	% Change
Statutory Driven:			
<u>Water Supply Well Fees</u>			
State Fee: Well Construction/Major Reconstruction	\$20.00	\$40.00	100%
State Fee: Well Construction for Submerged Closed Loop Heat Exchangers	\$20.00	\$40.00	100%
State Fee: Minor Well Reconstruction	\$20.00	\$40.00	100%
State Fee: Well Sealing	\$5.00	\$15.00	200%
<u>Environmental Well Fees</u>			
State Fee: Environmental Well Construction (per site)	\$20.00	\$40.00	100%
State Fee: Environmental Well Sealing (per site)	\$5.00	\$15.00	200%
<u>Shallow Domestic Well Permit Fees</u>			
State Fee: Well Construction	\$20.00	\$40.00	100%
State Fee: Well Sealing	\$5.00	\$15.00	200%
<u>Dewatering Well Permit Fees (no groundwater contamination, per well, up to 5 wells per project)</u>			
State Fee: Well Construction and Sealing Permit (within 18 months)	\$25.00	\$55.00	120%
State Fee: Well Construction Permit	\$20.00	\$40.00	100%
State Fee: Well Sealing Permit	\$5.00	\$15.00	200%
<u>Dewatering Well Permit Fees (no groundwater contamination, 5 or more wells per project)</u>			
State Fee: Well Construction and Sealing Permit (same permit year)	\$25.00	\$55.00	120%
State Fee: Well Construction Permit	\$20.00	\$40.00	100%
State Fee: Well Sealing Permit	\$5.00	\$15.00	200%

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Environmental Resources

Fee Description	2025 Fee (\$)	2026 Proposed Fee (\$)	% Change
Cost Driven:			
PCB Ballasts	\$1.80	\$1.92	7%
Untaped Battery Fee (per pound)	\$10.55	\$11.13	6%
Aerosol de-tipping/sorting (per pound)	\$10.55	\$11.13	6%
Industrial Coatings (per pound)	\$1.32	\$1.46	11%
Propane Cylinders (1-100 pounds; each)	\$8.48	\$9.11	7%
Propane Cylinders (disposable; each)	\$1.66	\$1.78	8%
Sample shipping and handling	\$15.00	\$18.00	20%

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Parks

Fee Description	2025 Fee (\$)	2026 Proposed Fee (\$)	% Change
Cost Driven:			
Cannon Shelter (weekend)	\$65.00	\$70.00	7.69%
Cannon Shelter (weekday)	\$33.00	\$35.00	6.06%
Trout Brook Shelter (weekend)	\$65.00	\$70.00	7.69%
Trout Brook Shelter (weekday)	\$33.00	\$35.00	6.06%
West Shelter (weekday)	\$90.00	\$95.00	5.55%
North Shelter (weekend)	\$205.00	\$225.00	9.75%
North Shelter (weekday)	\$103.00	\$110.00	6.80%
Empire Lake Shelter (weekend)	\$205.00	\$225.00	9.76%
Empire Lake Shelter (weekday)	\$103.00	\$110.00	6.80%
Park Patrol (per hour)	\$57.00	\$60.00	5.26%
Operations Staff (per hour)	\$30.00	\$32.00	6.66%

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- Public Service & Revenue

Fee Description	2025 Fee (\$)	2026 Proposed Fee (\$)	% Change
Statutory Driven:			
Marriage License With Education	\$40.00	\$50.00	25%
Marriage License Without Education	\$115.00	\$125.00	9%

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What is next?

- Public hearing on November 04, 2025
- 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 ??