



Dakota County

Legislation Text

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DEPARTMENT: Finance

FILE TYPE: Consent Action

TITLE

Public Hearing To Receive Comments And Adoption Of Dakota County 2023 Recommended Fee Schedules

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Conduct a public hearing and adopt recommended 2023 Dakota County fee schedules.

SUMMARY

The County Manager recommends that the County Board adopt fee schedules for fiscal year 2023. Minn. Stat. §373.41 provides that the County Board may, after a public hearing, establish fees to be charged for services that are not governed by other statutes. Fee revenues provide an important revenue source for the County and help to support the cost of operations and offset the annual levy. The recommended fees are for services that are not governed by a more specific law and are proposed to take effect January 1, 2023, except for selected Parks fees which will take effect late 2022.

Finance worked with Divisions/Departments to set fees to cover estimated costs of providing services, including overhead, with an inflationary rate increase of three percent. The projected inflationary increase is consistent with the overall budget planning framework that reflects higher labor costs for 2023. Some exceptions to this approach include:

- Fees established by law or rule; and
- Fees for services when it is difficult to determine the actual cost of service such as rental of campgrounds, facilities, and equipment. The recommendation for these types of fees or services should be based upon marketplace rates.

Many of the Community Services fees are set at the cost of services; however, the amount charged to clients is usually less due to the provision of a sliding fee schedule that is included in the Community Services policy.

The following are highlights of the 2023 fees:

- Five new fees.
- Twenty-five existing fees with increase of more than five percent.
- Five existing fees with decreases of more than five percent.
- Five existing fees are being eliminated.

The recommended fee schedules were presented to the General Government and Policy Committee of the Whole meeting on October 4, 2022 (Attachments).

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that that County Board conduct a public hearing and adopt the 2023 Dakota County recommended fee schedules.

EXPLANATION OF FISCAL/FTE IMPACTS

The projected fee revenue will be included in the 2023 County Manager's recommended budget.

- ☒ None ☐ Current budget ☐ Other
☐ Amendment Requested ☐ New FTE(s) requested

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 373.41 authorizes the Dakota County Board to establish fees for various services provided to the public after holding a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County desires to recover costs for services, except where an increase would adversely affect the use of a program or service; and

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing on the recommended 2023 fee schedules was published from October 4, 2022 to October 18, 2022, on the Dakota County external website under Public Notices; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on October 18, 2022, to receive comments on the 2023 fee schedules.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Dakota County 2023 fee schedules, as presented at the General Government and Policy Committee of the Whole on October 4, 2022.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION

None.

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed 2023 Transportation Fees
Proposed 2023 Fleet Fees
Proposed 2023 Environmental Resources Fees
Proposed 2023 Parks Fees
Proposed 2023 Plat Fees
Proposed 2023 Community Service Fees
Proposed 2023 Sheriff's Fees
Proposed 2023 Enterprise Finance and Information Service Fees
Proposed 2023 Public Service & Revenue Fees
Proposed 2023 Copy Fees
Proposed 2023 Medical Examiner Fees

BOARD GOALS

- ☐ A Great Place to Live ☐ A Healthy Environment

☐ A Successful Place for Business and Jobs

☒ Excellence in Public Service

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT LEVEL

☒ Inform and Listen

☐ Discuss

☐ Involve

☐ N/A

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