

Fees and charges for inclusion in the 2005/06 year

Our Revenue and Financing policy sets the appropriate source of funding for each of our activities. Officers continually review how they are performing against funding targets and each year a review of fees and charges is undertaken.

This year the review of fees and charges has resulted in the following areas being identified for potential change:

- Swimming pools
- Recreation centres
- Libraries (overdue charges)
- Building control and facilitation, and
- Public health.

The policy rationale for the delivery and funding of these services remains unchanged. A simple change to the target has been proposed to bring them into line with the market or is an incremental increase as is indicated in the policy.

Libraries

We are proposing a small increase in fees for overdue books, magazines and periodicals. We believe this change will encourage people to get items they have borrowed back to the library earlier, making them available for other borrowers.

The proposal would see the adult charges for overdue books and magazines periodicals raise from \$0.40 to \$0.50 per day and for children and teenagers from \$0.20 to \$0.25 per day.

Swimming pools

We are proposing modest increases in fees for using Council swimming pools. This change will bring the charges in line with pools across the region. In previous years, we have aimed to meet about 45 percent of the cost of providing swimming pools from user charges, with the rest coming from rates. We expect the higher fees will mean user charges fund about 50 percent of the cost of providing the pools.

As explained in our Revenue and Financing Policy, swimming pools mainly benefit the private individuals who use them. There is some community benefit, as these facilities are important community focal points and many people like to have the option of using them even if they don't actually do so. While we estimate about 80 percent of the benefit goes to private individuals, we believe there is wide public support for ratepayers bearing a portion of the costs.

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Details	Current fee	Proposed fee
Adult swim	\$3.50	\$4.00
Child swim	\$1.50	\$2.00
Passports to Leisure (including the removal of Super card)	\$1.60	\$2.00
Creche (per session)	\$5.00	\$8.00

Recreation centre fees

We are proposing very modest increases in fees for using Council recreation centres. In previous years, we have aimed to meet about 25 percent of the cost of providing recreation centres from user charges, with the rest coming from rates. We anticipate the higher fees will mean user charges fund about 30 percent of the cost of providing the centres.

As explained in our Revenue and Financing Policy, recreation centres mainly benefit the private individuals who use them. While we estimate about 80 percent of the benefit goes to private individuals, we believe there is public support for ratepayers continuing to meet a higher share of the costs but that this should reduce over time.

Details	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Gym Hire Hourly Rate	\$33.00	\$35.00
Pre-school Class	-	\$2.00 per 8 week course
Schools Class	-	\$5.00 per session
Play Trailer Hire	\$30.00	\$60.00 per week

Building consent fees

We are proposing to increase our fees for building control and facilitation work, including fees for consents, inspections, compliance certificates and land information memorandums, and fees for inspecting swimming pool fencing. In the past, our building control work has been funded about 50 percent from rates and 50 percent from user charges. From 2005/06, we aim to achieve 60 percent funding from user charges.

Our building control work benefits private individuals – the people and companies that build or redevelop homes, offices and other structures. We ensure these structures are safe and meet legal requirements.

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Ideally, the individuals who benefit should pay all of the costs involved. However, historically we have only been able to recover about half of the costs from user charges. This is partly because some fees are set by statute or regulation, and partly because we don't want to increase fees so far or fast that people are tempted to avoid compliance.

The full schedule of proposed changes is detailed in the table below.

Public health fees

We are proposing to increase our fees for our environmental health activities, including:

- control of dogs and other animals
- licensing and monitoring trade wastes
- licensing and inspecting food and liquor outlets, and other commercial hairdressers, funeral directors, kennels, camping grounds, offensive trades, and piggeries and poultry farms
- cafes and bars using footpaths.

In the past, our environmental health activities have been funded at about 45 percent from user charges and 55 percent from rates. In 2005/06, we're aiming to move to a 50/50 split.

These activities benefit individuals and private companies and organisations by ensuring their activities are safe and comply with the law. They also benefit the community as a whole by protecting public health and safety. As we indicated in our Revenue and Financing Policy 2004, we believe a 50/50 split appropriately reflects the benefits.

The full schedule of proposed changes is detailed in the table below.

Details	Current charges	Proposed charge
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C480 – Building Control & Facilitation

Building Permissions (incl. building inspection services) – smallworks

Drainage/Plumbing (value <\$2000)	135.00	160.00
Free Standing Fireplace	95.00	122.50
In Built Fire Place (value<\$2,000)	135.00	265.00
Lodging Fee for building consents	40.00	75.00

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Details	Current charges	Proposed charge
Code Compliance Certificate	35.00	56.25
Project Information Memorandum (PIMs):		
<i>PIM (if lodged with Building Consent)</i>		
< \$ 5,000	30.00	55.00
\$5001 - \$12,000	75.00	110.00
\$12,001 - \$50,000	100.00	165.00
\$50,001 - \$250,000	150.00	220.00
\$250,001 +	300.00	385.00
<i>PIM ONLY (not lodged with a Building Consent)</i>		
Project Value <\$5,000 to \$250,001 +	60.00 - 330.00	130.00 - 460.00
Plan Check		
< \$ 5,000	40.00	83.00
\$5001 - \$12,000	155.00	220.00
\$12,001 - \$25,000	205.00	248.00
\$25,001 - \$50,000	240.00	275.00
\$50,001 - \$75,000	250.00	358.00
\$75,001 - \$100,000	305.00	385.00
\$100,001 - \$250,000	685.00	743.00
\$250,001 - \$500,000	865.00	990.00
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	1,365.00	1,650.00
\$1,000,000+	1,365.00+	1,650.00+
for each \$500k or part there of over \$1,000,000	400.00	550.00

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Details	Current charges	Proposed charge
Building Certificate (pre-requisite for liquor licence application)		
Where application received with application for town planning certificate	45.00	110.00
Where application received independently	85.00	185.00
Late building consents (replaced by Certificates of Acceptance)		
Initial fee including one hour processing time	90.00	
per hour processing charge	90.00	
Lodging Fee	40.00	
Certificates of Acceptance (includes lodging fee and inspection deposit)		
< \$ 5,000		388.00
\$5001 - \$12,000		525.00
\$12,001 - \$25,000		553.00
\$25,001 - \$50,000		580.00
\$50,001 - \$75,000		663.00
\$75,001 - \$100,000		690.00
\$100,001 - \$250,000		1,048.00
\$250,001 - \$500,000		1,295.00
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000		1,955.00
\$1,000,000+		1,955.00+
for each \$500k or part there of over \$1,000,000		855.00

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Details	Current charges	Proposed charge
Vehicle Access		
Linked to a building consent or resource consent	90.00	220.00
Received independently	141.25	405.00
Vehicle Crossing		
Initial Inspection Fee	50.00	110.00
Vehicle Crossing Inspection Fee over 1 hr (per hour)	90.00	110.00
Earthworks Consent		
Linked to a building consent	90.00	165.00
Received independently	141.25	240.00
Processing time over 1.5 hour (per hour)	90.00	110.00
Amended Plan		
Initial fee (includes 1 hour processing time)	85.00	166.25
Process time over 1 hour (per hour)	90.00	110.00
Compliance schedule/ Building Warrant of Fitness		
New compliance schedule (linked with Building Consent)	80.00	110.00
Alterations to compliance schedule (linked to Building Consent)	40.00	82.50
Amendments to compliance schedule		190.00
Building Warrant of Fitness – Annual Certificate		115.00
Building Warrant of Fitness Inspection (per hour)		115.00
Consultants' reports	actual cost	actual cost

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Structural Fee/ Producer Statements		
Structural fee for checking elements of specific design on projects comprising structural works for:		
single element	205.00	285.00
several separate element	260.00	400.00
major design aspects on project valued under \$250,000	510.00	772.50
major design aspects on larger projects	860.00	1,232.50
Structural fee for checking elements of specific design on projects comprising structural works, supported by a producer statement for:		
single element	70.00	130.00
several separate element	75.00	157.50
major design aspects on project valued under \$250,000	100.00	185.00
major design aspects on larger projects	135.00	240.00
Building Inspections		
Standard Inspection Fee: 45 minute inspection	75.00	86.25
Standard Final Inspection: 1 hour inspection	100.00	115.00
Engineering inspections (not covered by a Producers Statement) , including fire engineering, structural engineering for unusual proposal, specific design	actual cost, plus 20.00	actual cost, plus 40.00
Swimming Pools		
Fencing Inspection: first standard inspection free	-	-
Fencing Inspection: additional standard inspection – 45 minutes (first standard inspection free)	75.00	86.25

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Exemptions: Base fees (including 5.5 hours of processing time)	550.00	632.50
Exemptions: processing costs after the initial 5.5 hours	100.00	115.00
Hearing costs	actual cost	actual cost
Public Drainage		
	\$400 for the first \$4,000 plus 8% of the balance over \$4,000 (excl GST)	\$400 for the first \$4,000 plus 8% of the balance over \$4,000 (excl GST)
Consents – Major Works (with pipes)		
Consents – Minor Works (single manholes, sumps and leads)	200.00	240.00
LIM and Information Services		
LIMs: Residential	340.00	300.00
LIMs: Commercial Base Fee	600.00	700.00
LIMs: Commercial per hr after 10 hrs	56.00	70.00
Property Reports: Building Consents	100.00	140.00
Property Reports: Resource Management	100.00	140.00
Property Reports: Public Drainage	100.00	140.00
Customer Services		
Pre-application Meeting (per quarter hr)	15.00	27.50
Monthly Report of Issued Building Consents	40.00	56.25

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Details	Current charges	Proposed charge
C478 – Public Health		
Health Licensing and Inspection		
New Food Premises (1st yr. set-up)	300.00	367.50
New Non Food Premises (1st yr. set-up)	150.00	210.00
Change of Occupiers Fee base fee	100.00	105.00
Change of Occupiers Fee base fee – Charge over 1hr (per hr)	100.00	105.00
Inspections (per hr) for legal action	100.00	105.00
Late payment +10%	-	-
Annual licence for registered food premises :		
• Excellent Grade	150 – 500	150 – 500
• Good Grade	240 – 700	250 – 700
• Ungraded	300 – 900	300 – 900
• Ungraded – High risk	400 – 1500	400 – 1500
Additional inspections (over 3 hr) per hr	100.00	100.00
Re-grading of Premises (per hr)	100.00	100.00
Health licence:		
• Sports clubs (min. food prep.)	119.00	125.00
• Unregistered Eating Houses	175.00	175.00
Temporary licence:		
• Temporary/Mobile Food stalls base fee	150.00	150.00
• Temporary/Mobile Food stalls base fee - Charge over 1 hr (per hr)	100.00	100.00
• Fairs: “small”	119.00	125.00
• One day food stall	100.00	100.00
• Fairs “large”	284.00	300.00
• charity/ fund raising	-	-
Annual licence for registered premises:		
• Animal boarding	189.00	200.00
• Camping grounds	189.00	200.00
• Hairdressers	100.00	100.00
• Mortuaries/ Funeral Directors	119.00	125.00
• Offensive Trades	237.00	250.00
• Poultry Farm / Piggeries	119.00	125.00
Annual licence:		
• Pools: commercial pools/ spas	189.00	200.00

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pools: commercial pools/ spas – excellent • Schools – Pools (no entry fee) • Saunas only 	100.00 - 79.00	100.00 - 80.00
Health Check		
Building consent for food premises base fee	200.00	210.00
Per hr fee (over 2 hrs)	100.00	105.00
Trade Waste		
Trade Waste Licence Fee		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial Application fee • High Risk • Medium Risk • Low Risk • Minimal Risk 	150.00 1,500.00 750.00 250.00 75.00	157.50 1,600.00 800.00 262.50 85.00
Grease and Grit Traps – Initial Application fee	0	-
Trade Waste/ Health Fees:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grease traps • Shared grease trap (per premises) • Grit traps • Charge after first hr (per hr) • Monitoring (lab) charges 	50.00 20.00 75.00 80.00 Actual	78.75 26.25 105.00 105.00 Actual
Collection and Transport of Trade Waste:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial Application fee • Charge after first hr (per hr) • Annual Licence Fee • Monitoring (lab) charges 	100.00 80.00 150.00 Actual	131.25 105.00 157.50 Actual
Animal Control		
Registration per animal:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entire • Neutered / Spayed & Newly Registered • Working Dogs • Approved Responsible Owner • Charge for late payments 	95.00 72.50 30.00 47.50 +50%	140.00 100.00 40.00 65.00 +50%

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Details	Current charges	Proposed charge
Licence for 3 or more dogs	27.00	30.00
Licence for Guide or Hearing Dog		Waived
Impounding Fees:		
• First per animal (free if registered)	60.00	75.00
• Subsequent impounding	135.00	150.00
• Sustenance per day	11.00	12.50
• Destruction Fee	30.00	30.00
Collection or delivery of dog on behalf of owner	25.00	25.00
After hours callout for collection of dog		25.00
Replacement of registration tag	5.00	10.00
Infringements	100-400	100-750
Pavement Permissions		
Pavement Permissions – initial application		165.00
Pavement Permissions – renewal		82.50
Pavement Permissions – special application		220.00