

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 |
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| Adult swim | \$3.50 | \$4.00 |
| Child swim (5 – 16) | \$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 |
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| 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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| 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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| 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 |
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| 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 | \$400 for the first |
| | \$4,000 plus 8% of | \$4,000 plus 8% of |
| | the balance over | the balance over |
| | \$4,000 (excl GST) | \$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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| 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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| 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 |