FY 2021 Proposed Budget Hearings
FY 2021 Municipal Fee Schedule
Staff Report #11190

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Background & Fee Adjustment Summary

User Fee Cost Recovery Level Policy

• Low: 0% to 30%
• Medium: 30.1% to 70%
• High*: 70.1% to 100.0%

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General Rate of Increase = 2.6%

FY 2021 Proposed Municipal Fee Schedule Summary

• 18 new fees
• 18 deleted fees
• 33 changed fees
New & Deleted Fees

New Fees
• Deworming (aligns with animal services provided by partner, Pets-In-Need)
• Photography/Filming – Space Rental Fee (new service)
• Home Improvement Exception – Trees (recovers costs for services preformed in Planning’s ‘Home Improvement Exception’ Review)

Deleted Fees
• Art Studio Short Term, Half Studio (partial studios are no longer rented)
• Grease Waste Disposal (services no longer provided)
• Construction/Maintenance Vehicles (repetitive to Loss of Parking Space fee)
Changed Fees

Fee adjusted to align with market value
• JMZ – Group Admission

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Technical adjustments
• Mitchell Park Library Community Room

Fee adjusted to reach desired cost recovery
• Evergreen Park – Mayfield RPP Reduced-Price Employee Parking Permit