

FY 2026-2027 BUDGET QUESTION
Response to Request for Information

DEPARTMENT(S): Austin Development Services;

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REQUEST:

How much would Development Services residential fees go up without the \$4.3M General Fund transfer?

RESPONSE:

The projected average fee increase without the \$4.3 million General Fund transfer is 55% compared to the FY27 proposed amounts.

Development Services has provided a side-by-side comparison of residential fees as proposed in the FY27 Proposed/FY28 Planned budget and as projected without the \$4.3 million General Fund transfer.

The attachment lists the FY26 Approved Fee, the FY27 Proposed Fee, which includes the General Fund transfer, and the FY27 Projected Fee without the General Fund transfer. It also shows the variance and the variance percentage between the FY27 Proposed fees with the General Fund transfer and the FY27 Projected fees without the General Fund transfer.

Highlighted fees are those where the General Fund transfer limits the FY27 proposed fee increase to no more than 10% above the FY26 approved fee. Without the General Fund transfer, these fees would be higher based on the calculated cost of service or the applicable phased-in fee.

Note that some of the FY27 Projected fees without the General Fund transfer are at their calculated cost-of-service amount, while others reflect the second year of a three-year phased in increase to bring those fees to the cost-of-service level.

**Residential Fee Comparison – FY27 Proposed vs.
Projected Without General Fund Transfer**

Fee Name	FY26 Approved Fee	FY27 Proposed Fee	FY27 Projected Fee without General Fund Transfer	\$ Variance between FY27 Proposed and FY27 Projected	% Variance between FY27 Proposed and FY27 Projected
City Arborist Program					
1.02 Tree Plan Review					
A Residential	\$515.39	\$566.93	\$655.88	\$88.95	16%
C Update Fee					
a Residential	\$277.45	\$305.20	\$349.65	\$44.45	15%
Environmental Inspections					
1.04 Tree Inspections					
A Residential					
a New Construction	\$569.16	\$449.75	\$449.75	\$0.00	0%
b All Other Residential Projects	\$367.84	\$304.70	\$304.70	\$0.00	0%
Residential Building Plan Review					
a New Construction					
An additional fee will be incurred with more than 2 structures Per Structure or Unit (for more than 2)	\$130.68	\$143.75	\$152.42	\$8.67	6%
i <=1,000 sq. ft.	\$896.50	\$986.15	\$1,057.83	\$71.68	7%
ii <=2,000 sq. ft.	\$1,075.80	\$1,183.38	\$1,310.27	\$126.89	11%
per additional 100 sq ft over 1,000 sq. ft.	\$17.93	\$19.72	\$25.15	\$5.43	28%
iii <=3,000 sq. ft	\$1,255.10	\$1,380.61	\$1,562.26	\$181.65	13%
per additional 100 sq ft above 2,000 sq. ft.	\$17.93	\$19.72	\$25.12	\$5.40	27%
iv <=4,000 sq. ft	\$1,434.40	\$1,577.84	\$1,813.97	\$236.13	15%
per additional 100 sq ft above 3,000 sq ft	\$17.93	\$19.72	\$25.12	\$5.40	27%
v <=5,000 sq. ft.	\$1,613.70	\$1,775.07	\$2,065.52	\$290.45	16%
per additional 100 sq ft above 4,000 sq ft	\$17.93	\$19.72	\$25.12	\$5.40	27%
vi >5,000 sq. ft.	\$1,793.00	\$1,972.30	\$2,316.94	\$344.64	17%
per additional 1000 sq. ft over 5,000 sq. ft.	\$19.80	\$20.99	\$103.77	\$82.78	394%
b Addition/Remodel/Interior Remodel					
i <=100 sq. ft.	\$179.30	\$197.23	\$535.86	\$338.63	172%
ii <=200 sq. ft.	\$358.60	\$394.46	\$684.71	\$290.25	74%
per additional 10 sq. ft. above 100 sq. ft.	\$17.93	\$19.72	\$11.00	-\$8.72	-44%
iii <=300 sq. ft.	\$537.90	\$591.69	\$794.69	\$203.00	34%
per additional 10 sq. ft. above 200 sq. ft.	\$17.93	\$19.72	\$9.18	-\$10.54	-53%
iv <=400 sq. ft.	\$717.20	\$788.92	\$886.57	\$97.65	12%
per additional 10 sq. ft. above 300 sq. ft.	\$17.93	\$19.72	\$8.12	-\$11.60	-59%
v <=500 sq. ft.	\$896.50	\$986.15	\$986.15	\$0.00	0%
per additional 10 sq. ft. above 400 sq. ft.	\$17.93	\$6.20	\$8.04	\$1.84	30%
vi >500 sq. ft.	\$1,075.80	\$1,048.12	\$1,048.12	\$0.00	0%
per additional 100 sq. ft. above 500 sq. ft.	\$14.85	\$16.34	\$83.51	\$67.17	411%
c Small Projects Plan Review	\$132.86	\$146.15	\$400.85	\$254.70	174%
i Additional Small Project	\$132.86	\$146.15	\$283.75	\$137.60	94%

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e Express Residential Plan Review	\$106.72	\$112.76	\$112.76	\$0.00	0%
C Residential Plan Review Application Processing Fee	\$106.72	\$112.76	\$112.76	\$0.00	0%
D Residential Plan Review Revision					
a Minor	\$84.15	\$92.57	\$179.00	\$86.43	93%
b Major	\$532.52	\$585.77	\$784.04	\$198.27	34%
E Residential Plan Review Resubmittal	\$532.52	\$585.77	\$705.82	\$120.05	20%
F Demolition/Relocation Processing Fee	\$97.02	\$106.72	\$159.81	\$53.09	50%
Residential Building Permits					
A Building Fee					
a <= 1,000 sq. ft.	\$289.53	\$318.48	\$343.68	\$25.20	8%
b <=2,000	\$289.53	\$318.48	\$375.61	\$57.13	18%
per additional 100 sq. ft. over 1,000 sq. ft.	\$5.76	\$6.33	\$6.33	\$0.00	0%
c <=3,000	\$347.12	\$381.83	\$405.86	\$24.03	6%
per additional 100 sq. ft. over 2,000 sq. ft.	\$5.76	\$5.43	\$5.43	\$0.00	0%
d <=4,000	\$404.70	\$436.11	\$436.11	\$0.00	0%
per additional 100 sq. ft. over 3,000 sq. ft.	\$4.57	\$3.19	\$3.19	\$0.00	0%
e <=5,000	\$450.37	\$468.04	\$468.04	\$0.00	0%
per additional 100 sq. ft. over 4,000 sq. ft.	\$2.81	\$3.02	\$3.02	\$0.00	0%
f >5,000	\$478.50	\$498.28	\$498.28	\$0.00	0%
per additional 1,000 sq. ft.	\$28.79	\$31.67	\$44.70	\$13.03	41%
B Electric Fee					
a <= 1,000 sq. ft.	\$166.99	\$183.69	\$209.72	\$26.03	14%
b <=2,000	\$185.94	\$204.53	\$234.93	\$30.40	15%
per additional 100 sq. ft. over 1,000 sq. ft.	\$2.34	\$2.58	\$2.58	\$0.00	0%
c <=3,000	\$209.38	\$230.31	\$260.14	\$29.83	13%
per additional 100 sq. ft. over 2,000 sq. ft.	\$2.34	\$2.58	\$2.58	\$0.00	0%
d <=4,000	\$232.82	\$256.10	\$285.34	\$29.24	11%
per additional 100 sq. ft. over 3,000 sq. ft.	\$2.34	\$2.58	\$2.58	\$0.00	0%
e <=5,000	\$256.26	\$281.88	\$310.55	\$28.67	10%
per additional 100 sq. ft. over 4,000 sq. ft.	\$1.25	\$1.37	\$1.37	\$0.00	0%
f >5,000	\$268.76	\$295.63	\$323.99	\$28.36	10%
per additional 1,000 sq. ft.	\$19.69	\$21.17	\$21.17	\$0.00	0%
C Mechanical Fee					
a <= 1,000 sq. ft.	\$116.07	\$127.68	\$159.98	\$32.30	25%
b <=2,000	\$116.07	\$127.68	\$185.18	\$57.50	45%
per additional 100 sq. ft. over 1,000 sq. ft.	\$1.37	\$0.86	\$0.86	\$0.00	0%
c <=3,000	\$123.88	\$136.27	\$210.39	\$74.12	54%
per additional 100 sq. ft. over 2,000 sq. ft.	\$0.53	\$0.58	\$0.58	\$0.00	0%
d <=4,000	\$129.15	\$142.07	\$230.56	\$88.49	62%

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e <=5,000	\$141.48	\$155.63	\$257.44	\$101.81	65%
per additional 100 sq. ft. over 4,000 sq. ft.	\$2.47	\$2.71	\$2.71	\$0.00	0%
f >5,000	\$166.17	\$182.79	\$286.01	\$103.22	56%
per additional 1,000 sq. ft.	\$12.33	\$13.56	\$17.81	\$4.25	31%
D Plumbing Fee					
a <=1,000 sq. ft.	\$200.43	\$220.47	\$229.41	\$8.94	4%
b <=2,000	\$203.17	\$223.49	\$254.61	\$31.12	14%
per additional 100 sq. ft. over 1,000 sq. ft.	\$2.88	\$3.16	\$3.16	\$0.00	0%
c <=3,000	\$231.96	\$255.16	\$271.42	\$16.26	6%
per additional 100 sq. ft. over 2,000 sq. ft.	\$2.88	\$3.16	\$3.16	\$0.00	0%
d <=4,000	\$260.74	\$286.81	\$299.99	\$13.18	5%
per additional 100 sq. ft. over 3,000 sq. ft.	\$2.68	\$2.94	\$2.94	\$0.00	0%
e <=5,000	\$287.51	\$316.26	\$321.83	\$5.57	2%
per additional 100 sq. ft. over 4,000 sq. ft.	\$1.88	\$2.06	\$2.06	\$0.00	0%
f >5,000	\$306.26	\$336.89	\$342.00	\$5.11	2%
per additional 1,000 sq. ft.	\$27.50	\$29.58	\$29.58	\$0.00	0%
E Energy Fee	\$65.80	\$72.38	\$120.26	\$47.88	66%
Residential/Commercial Miscellaneous Fees					
1.03 Residential Express Permits/Kitchen Remodels- Inspection	\$66.33	\$72.96	\$105.42	\$32.46	44%
1.04 Change-Out Program Permits A Residential					
a HVAC (first system)	\$67.32	\$74.05	\$97.80	\$23.75	32%
b each additional system	\$18.81	\$20.69	\$44.75	\$24.06	116%
1.05a Predemolition Inspection (each) A Residential	\$55.00	\$60.50	\$119.97	\$59.47	98%
1.07 Demolition permit (each) A Residential	\$73.70	\$81.07	\$151.17	\$70.10	86%
1.13 Residential Relocation Permit (each)	\$52.80	\$58.08	\$130.17	\$72.09	124%
1.17 Residential Re-inspection fee	\$76.23	\$83.85	\$83.85	\$0.00	0%
1.20 Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (Expires after 90 days)					
C Residential - Building Only	\$71.50	\$78.65	\$132.54	\$53.89	69%
1.21 Temporary Certificate of Occupancy Renewal C Residential - Building Only	\$58.30	\$64.13	\$132.54	\$68.41	107%
1.24 Electric Service Planning Application/DPGA	\$11.00	\$12.10	\$39.73	\$27.63	228%
1.26 Residential Alternate Methods of Compliance	\$149.83	\$161.74	\$161.74	\$0.00	0%
1.28 Residential Inspections for standalone projects	\$67.10	\$73.81	\$219.75	\$145.94	198%
Residential Per inspection after two inspections	\$25.74	\$28.01	\$28.01	\$0.00	0%

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11 Commercial and Residential Infrastructure Inspection					
1.01 Driveway A Residential					
a Base	\$525.01	\$577.51	\$705.17	\$127.66	22%
b Per driveway	\$88.43	\$97.28	\$118.84	\$21.56	22%
C Reinspections	\$188.80	\$207.69	\$253.64	\$45.95	22%
1.02 Sidewalk / Curb / Gutter Inspections					
A Base	\$336.65	\$370.32	\$452.04	\$81.72	22%
B Per linear foot	\$1.77	\$1.95	\$2.38	\$0.43	22%
C Reinspections	\$189.34	\$208.27	\$254.39	\$46.12	22%