



CITY OF SAN DIEGO – 7650 Mission Valley Road San Diego, CA 92108

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Subject: Fee Changes Effective May 4, 2026

Effective May 4, 2026, all Development Services Department (DSD) Enterprise Fund fees will increase by 7.25% from their current rates. This increase reflects and addresses increases in City Council adopted labor charge increases, fixed fringe costs and inflation rate adjustments.

DSD permitting is operated without any City General Fund subsidy and must generate its own revenue through an Enterprise Fund. DSD's Enterprise Fund was established in 1985 to ensure full cost recovery for all services related to processing land development applications. DSD's customers, therefore, pay for the department's operating costs like most businesses.

Full cost recovery is supported by the California Government Code and the City's Municipal Code. It ensures that the fees charged shall not exceed the estimated reasonable cost of providing the service. The level of service the department can provide is directly related to the fees charged.

The May 2026 fee increase will apply to all new projects deemed complete on and after May 4, 2026. The fee increase will not affect development impact fees. DSD Information Bulletins containing the updated fee schedules will be available and searchable via DSD's dedicated [publications database](#) when the new rates go into effect.

In July 2025, DSD implemented [dynamic pricing](#) to ensure full cost recovery for permitting services. Customers with ongoing projects under review for extended periods or those

with hourly fees will see these changes. Development Impact Fees (collected by DSD on behalf of other City departments) will continue to follow the fee schedule effective when an application is deemed complete by DSD.

Additional information on DSD fees can be found [here](#). For questions on this increase and how they may affect your project, please contact DSD customer service at 619-446-5000, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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