

Council will establish fees and charges to enable accessibility and to create equity for citizens, and to support long-term financial sustainability, ensuring the protection of The City's financial interests.

- 1 Fees and Charges are:
 - (1) Fair and equitable, ensuring those who benefit from consumption of a good or service, contribute to some or all of the cost recovery of the benefit;
 - (2) Defensible in that data is available to support the fee or charge;
 - (3) Clear, understandable, transparent and standardized;
 - (4) In alignment with regulatory and/or legislated requirements;
 - (5) Presented for approval on a regular cyclical basis; and
 - (6) Able to be phased-in to minimize impact to customers.

- 2 The following are considered when establishing fees and charges for City services:
 - (1) Community Benefit:
 - (a) Is representative of the benefit to society at large, derived from an individual's consumption of a good or service as a way of assessing application of potential subsidization.
 - (2) Full Cost Accounting:
 - (a) Uses the estimated total cost of providing the good or service as the starting point for the fee calculation.
 - (3) Market and Consumer Analysis:
 - (a) Takes into account the dynamics of comparable markets with similar products or services.

- 3 In addition to the preceding considerations, utility consumer rates will also:
 - (1) Adhere to regulated and/or legislated requirements; and
 - (2) Adhere to generally accepted rate making standards

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