Fees and Charges

Fees and charges are an important source of revenue for the City of Adelaide, with approximately $88 million budgeted for the 2025/26 financial year. Section 188 of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act) guides how Council sets fees and charges through by-laws or under delegation, with some statutory charges set by the State.

Council has increased most fees by the CPI forecast to align with the increased cost to deliver associated services.

Council uses revenue generated from fees and charges to fund a wide range of community services. It is a critical source of funding, along with revenue from residential and commercial rates.

The proposed fees and charges are factored into the draft 2025/26 Business Plan and Budget developed for public consultation, which outlines the services and outcomes Council will deliver for the community in the following year.

New or changed fees and charges for 2025/26

Parklets
A change to 2025/26 Parklet fees to simplify the model and introduce quarterly invoicing. This fee is recommended to be applied from 2025/26 on and not applied retrospectively.

Road Closures
Daily charge for major and minor road closures instead of a one-off fee. This fee is now charged for all road closure applications, not just commercial applications, but continues exemption for Not-for-profits and Charities.

Park Lands Leasing
Inclusion of Park Lands lease fees into the schedule, noting Park Lands lease fees are currently set by the Park Lands Lease and Licence policy. This schedule inclusion enables fees to be annually indexed and provides consistency with other fees and charges.

Private Laneway Parking
Introduction of an application fee for Private Laneway Parking arrangements, once off fee.

Ladder Usage
Introduction of an annual permit fee, ladder usage.

Animal Management
Introduction of recovery fees charged to Council by service providers, i.e. acceptance fees, veterinary fees – including assessment, treatment and medication, holding fees, euthanasia fees and microchip fees.

River Torrens
Introduction of commercial watercraft fees on the River Torrens and introduction of a River Torrens permit licence fee.

Access to Council information
For ratepayers seeking additional copies of previous and current years rates notices and detailed transaction listings, a fee will now be applicable, however, no charge will be applied for the first additional copy.

City Archives
Introduction of fees for City Archives sales of digital maps and reports, cost recovery.

Court, Green and Piste usage for education institutions
Introduction of a new fee for education institutions for Court, Green and Piste usage to align with current fees currently being charged to the Community.

Rundle Mall
Proposed changes to the Rundle Mall Zone B Fee Schedule reflect an increase of the site size from 3x3m to 3x6m and to ensure consistency with fees at other sites of a similar size.

Fees and charges relate to the issuance of Roaming Permits (4 and 8 hours) and the installation of Entrance and Precinct Decals in Rundle Mall

For further information on our proposed Fees and Charges, please review the full proposed General Fees and Charges Schedule at ouradelaide.sa.gov.au