

Fees and Charges

Fees and charges are an important source of revenue for the City of Adelaide, with approximately \$98 million budgeted for the 2026/27 financial year. Section 188 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) guides how Council sets fees and charges through by-laws or under delegation, with some statutory charges set by the State.

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 2026/27 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 2026/27

As a base position, Council is increasing fees by 3.5% in 2026/27 to meet rising costs and inflation.

Fees reviewed include:

- Introduction of a new fee for After Hour Security Callouts at City of Adelaide Libraries and Community Centres
- Introduction of a permit fee for commercial advertising on static displays on approved low impact facilities
- Introduction of Rundle Mall fee for static outdoor advertising
- Changes to outdoor dining fees:
 - Removal of the permit transfer fee
 - 12 month fee-free for new locations or locations that have not had outdoor dining for over 12 months
 - 12 month fee-free for businesses which transition to movable furniture (consistent with the outdoor dining transition policy)
 - 50% discount of the standard outdoor dining rate for businesses located in lower pedestrian areas.

Refer to page 76 of the *Draft 2026/27 Business Plan and Budget* for information on proposed Fees and Charges, available online at ouradelaide.sa.gov.au