

Proposed FY2016 User Fees

Regulatory and Non-Regulatory User Fees

User fees are fees charged to those who receive governmental services or use governmental facilities. These fees are categorized as regulatory or non-regulatory:

The purpose of *regulatory user fees* is to recoup costs associated with providing special regulatory services. Regulatory user fees are associated with or incident to a regulatory program, such as land use permits, subdivision reviews, dance hall licenses, and hazardous chemical permits.

- Effective July 1, 2005, City Council adopted a fully allocated cost recovery rate of 100% for regulatory user fees. The fully allocated cost recovery model includes both direct and indirect costs. Staff time is an example of direct costs. Facility cost is an example of indirect costs.
- Regulatory user fees are calculated based on the annual operating budget and are driven by the complexity of the service, number of units, and amount of staff time. Regulatory user fees may fluctuate from year to year because they are based on the annual operating budget.
- The appendix at the end of the User Fee section includes a detailed step-by-step example of the regulatory user fee cost recovery calculation.

Non-regulatory user fees include all other user fees for City services or facilities that are unrelated to regulations. Examples are fees associated with City-owned cemeteries or airport landing fees. These fees are calculated using different methods since City Council's policy does not require non-regulatory fees to recover a specific percentage of the costs incurred by the City agency in the provision of the service. Aviation fees, for example, are based on negotiated contracts. The goal for cemetery fee is to be competitive in the market while providing quality, affordable services, and stable perpetual care.

FY2016 User Fee Highlights

The City's User Fee Ordinance requires the City Manager to notify City Council of any new or increased fees through the budget process. From July 2008 through June 2012, user fees remained the same to mitigate impacts from the economic decline. Effective July 1, 2012, City Council approved a multi-year approach to gradually return to the fully allocated cost recovery model for regulatory fees. In accordance with current direction, in FY2016 the majority of the recommended regulatory user fees recover 100% of costs. The average cost recovery for the combined regulatory user fees increased from 83.3% to 93.8%. The recommended fees, along with the percentage of general fund subsidy are included in the User Fee Schedule by department.

New regulatory fees are recommended for the following: Historic District Review, Sketch Plan Review, Street Exception Review, Temporary Infrastructure Permit, and State Mandated Fire Inspections. New fees associated with non-regulatory fees include: applying an administrative fee to issuance of Land Development's Letter of Agreement (LOA) and adding a new expedited presubmittal meeting option. LOAs are an option to allow for completion of non-safety land development requirements beyond the issuance of the building certificate of occupancy. Similar to the current premium expedited plan review service, Land Development proposes adding an expedited presubmittal meeting with an administrative charge for the premium service.

Summary of Recovery Rate for Regulatory User Fees

	Department/Regulatory Service	FY2015 Recovery Rate	FY2016 Recovery Rate	Subsidy
1	Engineering & Property Mgmt: Land Development	79.0%	100.0%	0.0%
2	Transportation: Land Development & Right-of-Way	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%
3	Planning: Rezoning, Subdivision, Urban Plan & Zoning	76.0%	65.1%	34.9%
4	Fire: Fire Code & Plans Review	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%
5	Police: Adult Businesses, Carnival, Dance Halls & Passenger Vehicle For Hire	87.0%	81.0%	19.0%
6	Neighborhood & Business Services: Zoning Admin.	76.3%	68.1%	31.9%
7	City Clerk's Office: Legal Advertisements-Rezonings	65.5%	73.8%	26.2%
8	Total Recovery Percentage based on totals	83.3%	93.8%	6.2%

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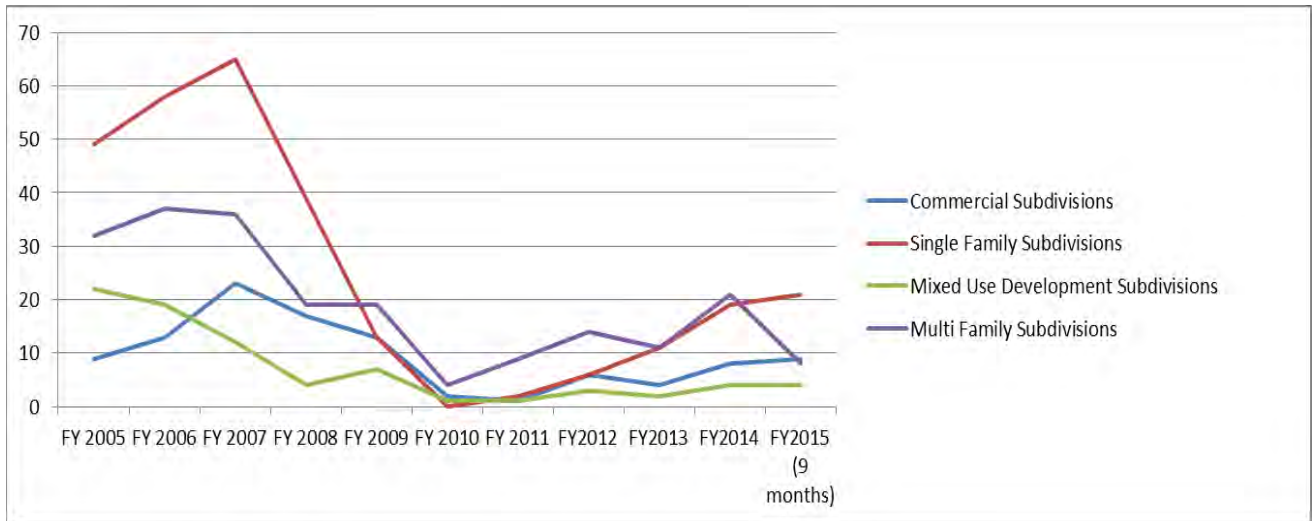
FY2016 User Fee Highlights continued:

The following pages detail the rates for regulatory user fees as well as the rates for non-regulatory user fees. In addition to the list of Regulatory and Non-Regulatory User Fees, this fee section includes storm water, as well as water and sewer fees.

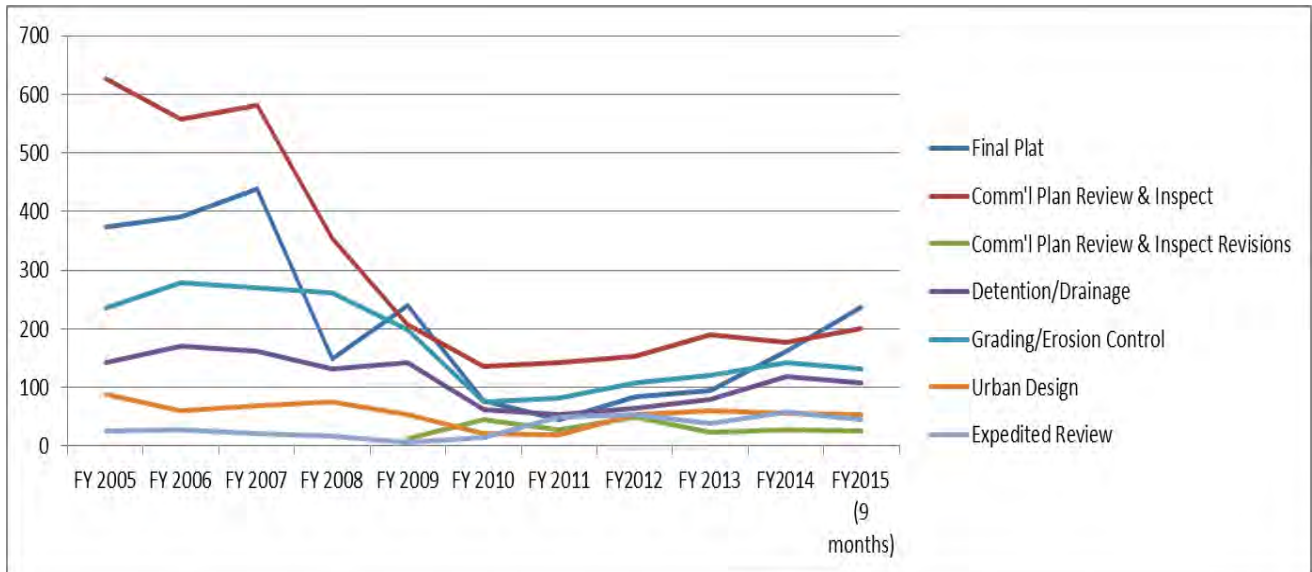
Regulatory Fees

The two charts provide trend history of occurrences associated with subdivision and land development approvals and depicts the direct correlation with the previous economic downturn.

Subdivision Projects



Other Land Development Approvals



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FY2016 User Fee Highlights continued:

1. Engineering & Property Management-Land Development

- Provides quality service by completing plan reviews 93% on-time and approving plans after an average of 1.93 reviews (FY2014 year-end).
- Recommendations for FY2016 include:
 - 100% cost recovery for Land Development's review and inspection fees. Fees for plans review and construction inspection of major Commercial subdivisions and Residential Subdivisions have the largest increase. The City's complete subdivision plan review and inspection includes Land Development, Planning, Water/Sewer, and Transportation staff.
 - Reduction in the following fees: Commercial Tree Ordinance, Detention/Drainage Plan review, and Grading/Erosion Control
 - Adding a new Subdivision Sketch Plan Review fee
 - Due to increased workload, and to maintain service goals, adding one Plans Reviewer in July 2015 and one Zoning Plans Reviewer in January 2016.

2. Charlotte Department of Transportation-Land Development & Right-of-Way

- Recommendations for FY2016 include:
 - Adding one Engineering Project Coordinator in July 2015. During the recession, CDOT decreased staffing accordingly. Land development permits have increased 53% since FY2012.
 - Restructuring rezoning review fee into major and minor to better reflect the level of effort to process and analyze rezoning petitions. Added Temporary Infrastructure Permit.
 - Combined commercial building, driveway and site plan review into one fee
 - Reduction in subdivision review fee by 6.6%

3. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department-Rezoning, Subdivision, Urban Plan and Zoning Administration

- FY2016 fees will increase by an average of 7% for a projected recovery rate of 65.1%. Changes to the fees will result in more equitable fee structure and better reflect the level of effort associated with fees. The current fees do not recoup all the costs associated with staff time on projects prior to submittal.
 - Although the projected recovery rate is 65.1% for FY2016, Planning will utilize a two-year phased approach to reach City Council's goal of 100% recovery by FY2018 to minimize the impact to the development community and provide time for further analysis.
 - Collection rates for FY2015 are higher than originally projected due to the increase in development activity. An increase in revenue is also projected for FY2016 due to increased development and a revised fee structure.
- New fees for FY2016 include:
 - Historic District Projects to recover costs associated with the additional staff added in FY2015.
 - Subdivision Sketch Plan Review to recoup costs, not currently included in other fees.
 - Subdivision Street Exemptions Review to recoup costs, not currently included in other fees.
 - Administrative Zoning Services (previous named "Sign Flex Option", added to recoup costs and now includes Parking Reductions, Alternate Buffer Plans, Innovative Site Plan Review, and Streetscape Modifications).
- Rezoning fees for FY2016 have been restructured to better reflect the level of effort to process and analyze rezoning petitions.
 - Currently, fees for conditional rezonings range from \$3,240 to \$5,090.
 - The recommended FY2016 fee for the City's combined major conditional rezoning review is \$9,260. Major conditional rezonings are defined as rezonings that are 10 acres or greater or rezonings that create 2,500 or more trips per day. These make up about one-third of all conditional rezonings.
 - In FY2016, the recommended combined fee for minor conditional rezonings (all rezonings that do not meet either of the thresholds for major rezonings) will be \$4,395. These make up about two-thirds of all conditional rezonings.

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FY2016 User Fee Highlights continued:

4. Charlotte Fire Department-Fire Code and Plans Review

- Recommendations for FY2016 include:
 - 100% cost recovery for Plans Review and Fire Permit Fees represent an average increase of 8%. Fire's fees did not increase in FY2015.
 - Adding new category for State Mandated Inspections based on square footage or type of structure
 - Adding Hazardous Location Close Out fee to the list of Fire Permit – Category A
 - Collaboration with Planning and other City departments to restructure rezoning fees. Updates to Fire's review resulted in reduction in Fire's rezoning review fee.

5. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department-Adult Businesses, Carnivals, Dance Halls, and Passenger Vehicle for Hire permits

- FY2016 recommended fees recover 81% of the costs, with additional analysis prior to FY2017 recommendations. Due to additional expenses and decrease in the average number of occurrences, FY2016 recommended fees recover 6% less than the current FY2015 cost rate of 87%.

6. Neighborhood & Business Services-Zoning Administration

- Fees increase by an average of 7%, consistent with current practice to continue to move towards 100% recovery of costs. Further evaluation of costs and fees during FY2016 is planned.
- Recovery rate decreases to 61.8% from 76.3% in FY2015.

7. City Clerk's Office-Legal Advertisements for Rezoning Petitions

- Fee for legal advertisements for rezoning increased by \$25 to move towards 100% recovery. Currently, the advertisement fee is applied per petition, and is not assessed for additional advertisements if rezoning is deferred. Recommendation includes assessing the same fee when advertising the rezoning for second and subsequent deferrals.
- Average advertising cost is currently \$305.
- History of user fee: FY2012 - \$120; FY2013 - \$130; FY2014 - \$150; and FY2015 - \$200

8. Charlotte Water-New Services Plans Review/Inspection

- FY2017 Budget includes new regulatory user fees as follows:
 - Backflow Plan Review,
 - Backflow Inspection,
 - Subdivision Project Initiation,
 - Subdivision Plan Review, and
 - Subdivision Inspection.
- Recommendation includes outreach to the development community in FY2016, with phased implementation starting in FY2017, with a projected date of July 1, 2016.

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Non-Regulatory Fees

9. Aviation

Airline fees are based on Aviation's cost recovery model. Parking rates and Tenant Fees are determined by the Aviation Director. FY2016 Recommended fees include the following:

- Airline Fees:
 - Landing Fees per 1,000 pounds total landing weight increased 4.6% from \$0.87 to \$0.91.
 - Maintenance/Operations fees of \$16.92 increased to \$19.52 per square foot.
- Parking Fees:
 - Hourly parking deck rates, daily parking deck rates, and all valet parking rates remain the same as the current FY2015 rates
 - Beginning January 2016, the parking fee for the long term lot will increase from \$5.00 to \$7.00 per day.
- Tenant Fees:
 - Tenant Parking Cards for employees will increase from \$245 per card to \$300 per card. Aviation benchmarked with other airports and the new fee is in line with similar airports.

10. City Clerk's Office

- The fee for Voluntary Annexation Petition remains set at \$400.

11. Engineering & Property Management

- Cemetery Fees increased for the first time since FY2010. The average fee increase is 20.2%, (or 3.3% if annualized over the last six years).
- Recommended Land Development Non-Regulatory Fees:
 - Add a new premium service option. Similar to the current premium expedited plan review service, Land Development proposes adding an expedited presubmittal meeting with an administrative charge for the premium service. Currently, four land development presubmittal meetings are available each week. No fees are associated with the weekly appointments. Due to the popularity of this service, the time slots are booked weeks in advance. To accommodate customers with time constraints, an optional expedited presubmittal meeting may be scheduled, and the administrative fee of \$500 would apply.
 - Apply the administrative fee to the issuance of Letters of Agreements (LOA). The City currently offers customers an option to enter into a Letter of Agreement to allow the completion of some non-safety requirements beyond the issuance of the certificate of occupancy. The administrative fee would recoup staff time directly related to LOAs.
 - Bond Administration Service fee for land development surety bonds increased 15%.
 - Tree Ordinance Payment in Lieu Fee remains the same at \$80,100 per acre.
- Employee Parking Fees remain unchanged.
- Public parking fees increase by \$0.25 per ½ hour to \$1.25 while maintaining a competitive and affordable uptown parking option. Daily maximum increases from \$12 to \$13.
- Application fees for Telecommunication Tower Leases remain unchanged.

12. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department – Animal Care & Control

- Adoption fees remain unchanged from FY2015 to encourage animal adoptions. Adoption rates for parrots, horses, and cows will continue to be offered at the going market rate or auction starting price.
- Spay/Neuter Fees remain unchanged
- Reclaim, boarding, rabies shots, and microchip fees remain unchanged.

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13. Solid Waste Services

- Recommendation includes converting the annual single-family residential Solid Waste fees to property tax in FY2016
- The Solid Waste fee for multi-family units would remain; however, any complex could have its fee refunded if the City could not service the complex or the complex chose to contract for its own solid waste services.
- Veterinary Dead Animal Collection Fees remain unchanged.

14. Charlotte Department of Transportation

- Off-Duty Police Officer Permits remain unchanged.
- Parking Permits for Third and Fourth Ward residents remain unchanged.

Other Fees

15. Engineering & Property Management – Storm Water Fees

- Frequent and large flood events are straining older drainage systems and increasing the number of citizen requests. These newer requests compete with a backlog of high and medium requests for limited funding.
- FY2016 fee schedule includes a change from two detached single-family rates to four.
- In FY2016, the monthly fee does not change for the majority of detached single-family storm water customers. The median parcel in each of the four detached single-family tiers will pay the same per square foot fee for their impervious area in FY2016.

16. Charlotte Water – Water and Sewer Fees

- The water and sewer rate methodology was modified for the FY2016 & FY2017 Recommended Preliminary Budget. The Tier 1 subsidy is eliminated and the Availability Fee has been increased to recover approximately 25% of Debt Service.
- Total fixed billing charge per month increased from \$2.50 to \$3.15 for water and sewer service.
- The sewer volume rate remained at \$4.51 per ccf for all sewer customers
- The typical monthly total water and sewer bill for residential customers is estimated to be \$58.45 in FY2016, an increase of \$1.55 per month.
- The typical bill assumes 5,236 gallons or 7 ccf used each month. Based on the current rate structure, users consuming more than the typical level of consumption are charged a higher rate to encourage conservation and responsible use of this resource.
- The common residential capacity/connection fee increased from \$2,235 to \$2,504 for water and from \$4,291 to \$4,998 for sewer.
- New land development fees are being assessed. The new fees would recover costs associated with plan review/construction inspection. Recommendation includes outreach to the development community in FY2016, and a phased implementation, with a projected start date of July 2016.

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Engineering & Property Management					
1. Regulatory Fees: Land Development	Basis	FY2015	FY2016	% Change	% Subsidy
As-Built for Subdivisions > 2 years from approval date	Per As-Built	\$ 610	\$ 625	2.5%	0.0%
Commercial Plan Review & Inspection ¹	Per project	1485	2040	37.4	0.0
Commercial Tree Ordinance Review & Inspection	Per project + per tree planted	1,570 + 10/tree	1,370 + 10/tree	-12.7	0.0
Commercial Tree Preservation	Per project	1400	1510	7.9	0.0
Commercial Zoning Plan Review & Inspection ²	Explanation in note 2 below	95 - 920	115 - 1105	21.1	0.0
Detention/Drainage Plan Review & Inspection ³	Per project + denuded acre	2,400 + 100	1,970 + 100	-17.9	0.0
Grading/Erosion Control Permit ³	Per project + per acre	4,485 + 100	4,360 + 100	-2.8	0.0
Major Commercial Subdivision Review & Inspection ^{3, 4,5}	Per project + denuded acre	3,740 + 100	8,110+ 100	116.8	0.0
Major Residential Subdivision Review & Inspection ^{3, 4,5}	Per project + per acre	4,200 + 100	8,535 + 100	103.2	0.0
Minor Administrative Review	Per project	485	500	3.1	0.0
Minor Residential Subdivision (without streets) □ Review & Inspection	Per project	1185	1265	6.8	0.0
Plat Review & Inspection	Per project	1185	1265	6.8	0.0
Residential Tree Ordinance (Single-family Subdivision) and Residential Tree Preservation	Per project	1,855 + 10/acre	2,040 + /acre	9.9	0.0
Revision to Approved Plan (Administrative Review)/Administrative Fee	Per project	1,130	1150	1.8	0.0
Rezoning Staff Review & Inspection	Per project	265	265	0.0	0.0
Sketch Plan Review - NEW	Per project	n/a	80	new fee	0.0
Single-family Residential Lot Inspection	Per Certificate of Occupancy	50	70	40.0	0.0
Urban Design Plan Review & Inspection ⁶	Per As-Built	2825	2830	0.2	0.0

FY2016 Recommended User Fees include a new Sketch Plan Review fee.

Note 1: Engineering collects for driveway permit reviews, which includes CDOT's services on all complex traffic reviews for building permits, and driveway permit applications

Note 2 (with FY2016 fees): City Engineering Fee(s) collected by Mecklenburg County. Construction costs of \$1 - \$3,000=\$115 fee; \$3,001-\$50,000=\$180 fee; \$50,001-\$100,000=\$440 fee; \$100,001-\$1,000,000=\$920; over \$1,000,001=\$1,105 fee; RTAP review= \$175 fee; CTAC review=\$105 fee

Note 3: Grading, Detention, and Subdivision fees are based on exact acre. Fees are computed by adding the project fee and per acre fee.

Note 4: Major Subdivision includes Single-Family, Multi-Family, and Mixed-Use

Note 5: Major Subdivision costs based on total acreage; Commercial Subdivision costs based on denuded acreage

Note 6: Applies to Uptown Mixed Use Development, Mixed Used Development District, Pedestrian Overlay, Transit Station Overlays, and Transit Oriented District Overlays. Engineering collects for these reviews, which includes additional fees by CDOT and Planning. If tree save and tree plantings are required, the Commercial Tree Fee and Commercial Tree Preservation applies to Urban Design reviews.

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Charlotte Department of Transportation				
2. Regulatory Fees: Land Development and Right-of-Way	FY2015	FY2016	% Change	% Subsidy
A. Land Development Permits and Fees:				
Commercial Building/Driveway Permit/Site Plan*	\$ 100-300	\$ 740	146.0%	0.0%
Rezoning - Minor*	1,400	770	-45.0	0.0
Rezoning - Major*	1,400	3,770	169.3	0.0
Rezoning Petition	1,400	see above		
Subdivision Processing*	1,400	1,310	-6.4	0.0
Urban Reviews	1,900	2,045	7.6	0.0
B. Right-of-Way Permits:				
Festival Permits:				
Small event - 1 day only	no fee	350		
Large festival >1 day (a permit is required for every day for the duration of the event)	350	1,070	205.7	0.0
Parade Permits:				
Small < 1,000 attendees	50	75	50	0.0
Medium 1,000 to 3,000 attendees	100	470	370	0.0
Large > 3,000 attendees	200	940	370	0.0
Right-of-Way (ROW) Changes:				
Right-of-Way Abandonment**	1,450	3,325	129.3	0.0
Right-of-Way Encroachment	1,800	1,800	0.00	0.0
Temporary Infrastructure Permit - NEW	n/a	300	new fee	0.0
Utility Right-of-Way (ROW) Ordinance***	Based on Actuals	Based on Actuals		0.0
Sidewalk Dining Permit	150	225	50	0.0
Valet Parking Permit (New, Renewal, & Revised)	100-250	420	320	0.0

* Transportation's portion; additional fees collected by Engineering & Property Management, and Planning Department

** \$3,325 for one street or alleyway abandonment; \$1,660 for additional street or alley abandonments

*** Per the Utility ROW Stakeholder process, fees are calculated based on annual operational costs and actual usage, and billed annually. Google Fiber revenue is included in FY2016.

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3. Regulatory Fees: Rezoning, Subdivision, Urban Plan, and Zoning Administration	FY2015	FY2016	% Change	% Subsidy
A. Rezoning:*				
Single-family (Conventional)	\$ 925	n/a		
Multi-family (Conventional)	1,350	n/a		
Other (Conventional)	2,300	n/a		
Single-family (Conditional)	1,250	n/a		
Multi-family (Conditional)	1,850	n/a		
Other (Conditional)	3,100	n/a		
Conventional NEW (restructured to 1 conventional)	n/a	\$ 1,950		
Conditional (Minor) NEW (restructured)	n/a	3,100		
Conditional (Major) NEW (restructured)	n/a	5,000		
Text Amendment	1,000	1,500	50.0%	40.0
Amended Site Plan Approval	500	465	-7.0	0.0
Administrative Zoning Services (Sign Flex Option)	250	240	-4.0	0.0
B. Subdivision Review:*				
Preliminary Single-family (Streets)	1,450	1,550	6.9	17.2
Preliminary Non-Residential*	1,125	1,200	6.7	75.3
Preliminary Plan Revisions	1,250	800	-36.0	0.0
Final Plats	325	350	7.7	37.7
Final Plats Revision	275	245	-10.9	0.0
Condo Plats	250	270	8.0	70.2
Planned Multi-family Review	2,000	2,135	6.8	22.5
Sketch Plan Review-NEW	n/a	500	new fee	15.3
Street Exceptions-NEW	n/a	500	new fee	85.8
Variances & Appeals	2,500	2,500	0.0	0.0
C. Urban Plan Review:*				
Urban Plan Review	1,600	1,280	-20.0	0.0
Urban Plan Review - Minor & Revision (Administrative Review)	250	255	2.0	0.0
D. Zoning Administration:				
Appeals (Residential)	175	175	0.0	95.8
Appeals (Non-Residential)	400	400	0.0	61.9
Variances (Residential)	675	700	3.7	67.0
Variances (Non-Residential)	1,600	1,650	3.1	58.1
Administrative Deviation (Residential)	200	200	0.0	90.5
Administrative Deviation (Non-Residential)	425	425	0.0	91.0
E. Historic District Review: NEW				
Minor Review	n/a	500	new fee	15.0
Major Review	n/a	1,000	new fee	28.8
Major Review (with survey)	n/a	1,950	new fee	0.0

FY2016 Recommended User Fees include restructured Rezoning fees, new Historic District Review fees, new Sketch Plan Review fee and new Street Exception fee. Updated the name of Sign Flex Option fee to Administrative Zoning Services fee.

*Planning portion of fee

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4. Regulatory Fees: Fire Code and Plans Review	FY2015	FY2016	% Change	% Subsidy
A. Fire Code Permits:				
ABC Inspection/Permit	\$ 125	\$ 135	8.0%	0.0%
Aerosol Products	125	135	8.0	0.0
Combustible Dust Producing Operations/Pulverized particles	125	135	8.0	0.0
Combustible Liquids Class 2 & 3 (25-60 gallons on property)	125	135	8.0	0.0
Covered Mall Buildings–Display-liquid or gas-fired equipment	125	135	8.0	0.0
Covered Mall Buildings–Retail Fixtures/Concessions	125	135	8.0	0.0
Covered Mall Buildings–Use of open flame producing equipment	125	135	8.0	0.0
Day Care/Group Homes - Renewable	125	135	8.0	0.0
Day Care/Group Homes - Non-Renewable	125	135	8.0	0.0
Dispensing of Flammable/Combustibles including service stations	125	135	8.0	0.0
Dry Cleaning Plants	125	135	8.0	0.0
Flammable Liquids Class 1 (5-50 gallons inside/10-50 outside)	125	135	8.0	0.0
Fumigation & Thermal Insecticide Fogging	125	135	8.0	0.0
Hazardous Chemicals ≤110 gallons; 1,000 pounds	125	135	8.0	0.0
Hazardous Location Close Out - New	n/a	135	new fee	0.0
Heliport/Helistop	125	135	8.0	0.0
Lumber Storage/Yards & Woodworking Plants	125	135	8.0	0.0
Non-Mandated Inspection Fee	125	135	8.0	0.0
Re-inspection Fee (3rd Inspection)	125	135	8.0	0.0
Repair Garages	125	135	8.0	0.0
Temporary Membrane Structures, Tents, Canopies	125	135	8.0	0.0
Waste Handling (Junk Yards, Wrecking Yards)	125	135	8.0	0.0
B. Fire Code Permits:				
Amusement Buildings	175	190	8.6	0.0
Carnivals & Fairs	175	190	8.6	0.0
Combustible Fibers	175	190	8.6	0.0
Combustible Liquids Class 2 & 3 (61-500 gallons)	175	190	8.6	0.0
Combustible Storage Permit (over 2,500 cubic foot)	175	190	8.6	0.0
Compressed Gas	175	190	8.6	0.0
Cryogenic Fluids	175	190	8.6	0.0
Exhibits & Trade Shows	175	190	8.6	0.0
Explosives (Fireworks Indoors)	175	190	8.6	0.0
Explosives (Fireworks Sales) (Reinstate)	175	190	8.6	0.0
Flammable Liquids Class 1 (51-500 gallons on property)	175	190	8.6	0.0
Hazardous Chemicals 111-1,100 gallons; 1,001-10,000 pounds	175	190	8.6	0.0
High Pile Storage	175	190	8.6	0.0
Places of Assembly	175	190	8.6	0.0
Spraying or Dipping Operations	175	190	8.6	0.0

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C. Fire Code Permits:				
Aviation Facilities	\$ 220	235	6.8 %	0.0 %
Combustible Liquids Class 2 & 3A (501-5,000 gallons on property)	220	235	6.8	0.0
Flammable & Combustible Liquids (Change type of contents in tank to a greater hazard than tank's design)	220	235	6.8	0.0
Flammable & Combustible Liquids (Dispensing from tank vehicles into motor vehicles)	220	235	6.8	0.0
Flammable & Combustible Liquids (Install, alter, remove, abandon tanks - AG/BG tank removal)	220	235	6.8	0.0
Flammable & Combustible Liquids (Manufacture, process, blend/refine)	220	235	6.8	0.0
Flammable & Combustible Liquids (Operate tank vehicles, tanks, plants, terminals, wells, refineries)	220	235	6.8	0.0
Flammable Liquids Class 1 (501-5,000 gallons on property)	220	235	6.8	0.0
Hazardous Chemicals 1,101-5,500 gallons; 10,001-50,000 pounds	220	235	6.8	0.0
Tire Rebuilding Plant	220	235	6.8	0.0
D. Fire Code Permits:				
Bulk Terminal Operations (Includes 3-5 permits for permit categories 13, 14, 15, & 18)	2,200	2,200	0.0	0.0
Combustible Liquids Class 2 & 3A > 5,000	250	270	8.0	0.0
Explosives – (Manufacture, storage, handling, and sale)	250	270	8.0	0.0
Explosives – Blasting Operations	250	270	8.0	0.0
Explosives – Fireworks (Outdoors)	250	270	8.0	0.0
Flammable Liquids Class 1 (>5,000 gallons, on property)	250	270	8.0	0.0
Hazardous Chemicals >5,500 gallons; >50,000 pounds	250	270	8.0	0.0

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E. Plans Review:				
Fire Alarm Plans (Shop drawings)	\$ 125	\$ 125	0.0 %	0.0 %
Fire Sprinkler Plans (Shop drawings)	125	125	0.0	0.0
Hydrant Test	155	170	9.7	0.0
Multi-family	250	270	8.0	0.0
Performance Tests - Automatic fire-extinguishing systems (Hood systems, halon systems, pre-action systems in computer rooms or alternatives)	155	170	9.7	0.0
Performance Tests - Fire Alarm (Shell) (Smoke evacuation, atriums, and smoke detection systems)	250	270	8.0	0.0
Performance Tests - Fire Alarm (Upfit)	125	135	8.0	0.0
Performance Tests - Fire pumps	190	205	7.9	0.0
Performance Tests - Private fire hydrants	155	170	9.7	0.0
Performance Tests - Sprinkler System (13R, drain test, etc.)	190	205	7.9	0.0
Performance Tests - Standpipe system tests	405	440	8.6	0.0
Plans Review-Construction <\$50,000	190	205	7.9	0.0
Plans Review-Construction \$50,001 to \$100,000	220	235	6.8	0.0
Plans Review-Construction \$100,001 to \$500,000	250	270	8.0	0.0
Plans Review-Construction \$500,001 to \$1,000,000	315	340	7.9	0.0
Plans Review-Construction \$1,000,001 to \$5,000,000	405	440	8.6	0.0
Plans Review-Construction \$5,000,001 to \$10,000,000	625	675	8.0	0.0
Plans Review-Construction > than \$10,000,000	940	1,015	8.0	0.0
Residential Review	35	35	0.0	0.0
Rezoning Petitions - Major	125	70	-44.0	0.0
Rezoning Petitions - Minor	125	35	-72.0	0.0
F. State Mandated Inspections by square foot: NEW				
0-2,500 square feet	n/a	\$ 35	new fee	0.0 %
2,501-4,500 square feet	n/a	45	new fee	0.0
4,501-8,000 square feet	n/a	60	new fee	0.0
8,001-16,000 square feet	n/a	70	new fee	0.0
16,001-50,000 square feet	n/a	90	new fee	0.0
50,001-100,000 square feet	n/a	105	new fee	0.0
100,001-500,000 square feet	n/a	135	new fee	0.0
> 500,000 square feet	n/a	270	new fee	0.0
Apartment Building with direct egress	n/a	35	new fee	0.0
Interior Suite or Floor	n/a	35	new fee	0.0
Parking Deck	n/a	45	new fee	0.0
Vacant Buildings	n/a	35	new fee	0.0

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Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department				
5. Regulatory Fees: Adult Business , Carnival, Dance Hall, and Passenger Vehicle for Hire	FY2015	FY2016	% Change	% Subsidy
A. Adult Business Fees:				
Application Fee	\$ 2,545	\$ 2,725	7.1%	25.0%
Background Check Fee	30	25	-16.7	0.0
Building Design Change Fee	1,165	1,250	7.3	0.0
License Fee	915	980	7.1	66.0
B. Carnival Permit Fee:				
Carnival Permit Fee	865	865	0.0	0.0
C. Dance Hall License Fees:				
Application/Renewal Fee	2,655	2,840	7.0	7.2
License Fee	935	1,000	7.0	7.4
Background Check Fee	20	15	-25.0	0.0
Building Design Change Fee	1,250	1,340	7.2	53.5
D. Passenger Vehicle for Hire Fees:				
Company Certifications Fees:				
Application Fee	250	270	8.0	60.6
Certification/Permit Fee	440	470	6.8	42.3
Late Renewal Charge (per day) ¹	100	100	0.0	0.0
Renewal of Certification/Permit	455	470	3.3	0.0
Driver/Chauffeur Fees:				
Add or Change a Company Affiliation	80	85	6.3	43.3
Application Fee	75	75	0.0	0.0
New Driver/Chauffeur Fee ²	15	15	0.0	82.4
Reinstatement of Permit Fee	100	100	0.0	0.0
Renewal of Permit Fee	85	80	-5.9	0.0
Replace Driver Permit	80	80	0.0	85.5
Transfer or Duplication of Permit Fee	35	35	0.0	0.0
Vehicle Fees:				
New-Vehicle Permit (Decal/Medallion Fee)	85	85	0.0	0.0
Renew Vehicle Permit	130	140	7.7	0.0
Replace Vehicle Decal	45	45	0.0	0.0
Replace Vehicle Permit	120	130	8.3	36.1
Transfer Vehicle Permit	105	115	9.5	36.1

Note 1: Penalty; not a regulatory fee

Note 2: Fee amount regulated by North Carolina State Statute

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Neighborhood & Business Services				
6. Regulatory Fees: Zoning Administration	FY2015	FY2016	% Change	% Subsidy
Zoning Administration:				
Residential Single Family Reviews	\$ 40	\$ 45	12.5%	43.8%
Sign permits ≤100 square feet	150	160	6.7	19.2
Sign permits >100 square feet	215	230	7.0	0.0
Verification Letters	60	65	8.3	65.4
Zoning Use Permits	155	165	6.5	0.0

City Clerk's Office				
7. Regulatory Fees: Legal Advertisements	FY2015	FY2016	% Change	% Subsidy
Legal Advertisements for Rezoning Petitions*	\$ 200	\$ 225	12.5%	26.2%

*Clerk's legal advertisement fee is currently charged per petitioner. Recommendation includes charging for reposting advertisement, after second deferral. Fee is collected by Planning Department.

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Charlotte Water			
8. Regulatory Fees: Plans Review/Inspection Fees	50% Cost Recovery July 1, 2016	75% Cost Recovery July 1, 2017	100% Cost Recovery July 1, 2018
Backflow Review: Plan Review	\$ 162.50	\$ 243.75	\$ 325.00
Backflow Inspection: Per Inspection	85.00	127.50	170.00
Subdivision: Project Initiation	1,000.00	1,500.00	2,000.00
Subdivision Plan Review: Per Linear Foot	0.58	0.86	1.15
Subdivision Inspection: Per Linear Foot	2.00	3.00	4.00

Recommended Implementation Phasing	Duration	Cost Recovery Percent
July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016	12 months	Implementation
Recommendation includes outreach to the development community in FY2016, with phased implementation starting in FY2017.		
July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017	12 months	50%
July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018	12 months	75%
July 1, 2018 - On-going	On-going	100%

Backflow Review
Fee covers costs associated with plan review surrounding backflow requirements. Typically refers to commercial or non-single-family development. Fee paid when plans for a project requiring a backflow review are submitted.
Backflow Inspection
Fee covers costs associated with site inspection surrounding new backflow installation or inspection of existing backflow devices. Typically refers to commercial, non-single-family development or customers with dedicated irrigation meters.
Subdivision Project Initiation
Fix fee covers administrative costs associated with new project initiation. It includes different aspects of work that typical water and/or sewer projects encounter, regardless of size or scope. Typically refers to new residential subdivisions, commercial projects, non-single-family developments requiring water and or sewer infrastructure construction, or relocations of existing service. Fee paid when plans for an extension or relocation of water and/or sewer infrastructure are submitted for review.
Subdivision Review
Fee covers costs associated with plan review resulting from new development including new residential subdivisions, commercial projects, non-single-family developments requiring water and or sewer infrastructure construction, or their relocations. Fee paid when plans are submitted for construction or relocation of water and/or sewer infrastructure.
Subdivision Inspection
Fee covers costs associated with construction inspection related activity of new public water and sewer infrastructure. Projects included in this fee are new residential subdivisions, commercial projects, non-single-family developments requiring water and/or sewer infrastructure and a contract is signed by the land developer.

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Charlotte-Douglas International Airport				
9. Non-Regulatory Fees: Aviation Fees	Basis	FY2015	FY2016	% Change
Airline Fees:				
Landing Fees	Per 1,000 pounds total landing weight	\$ 0.87	\$ 0.91	4.6%
Terminal Rental Rates	Per square foot	25.90	25.40	-1.9
Maintenance & Operations Costs	Per square foot	16.92	19.52	15.4
City Gate Use Fee	Per available seat delivered	0.65	0.65	0.0
Loading Bridge Fee	Per turn (one-time use)	15.00	15.00	0.0
International Facility Use (FIS)	Per deplaned passenger	5.00	5.00	0.0
Fuel Flowage (Re-use of Airfield)	Per gallon delivered	0.065	0.065	0.0
Fuel through-put (fees for ground service equipment)	Per gallon delivered	0.08	0.08	0.0
Aircraft Ramp Parking:				
0-3 hours	Up to 3 hours	50.00	50.00	0.0
>3-24 hours	>3 and up to 24 hours	100.00	100.00	0.0
Cargo Ground Handling	% of gross revenue	8.00	8.00	0.0
Ground Transportation Operators:				
Taxi Permits	Quarterly permit	312.50	312.50	0.0
Off Airport Rent-A-Cars	% of gross revenue	10.00	10.00	0.0
Off Airport Parking	% of gross revenue	10.00	10.00	0.0
Hotel/Motel Courtesy Vans	Annually per vehicle	400.00	400.00	0.0
Commercial Courier Vehicles	Per trip through lane	1.00	1.00	0.0
Contract Vans or Limos	Per trip through lane	1.00	1.00	0.0
Parking Fees:				
Hourly Deck (\$20.00 daily maximum) Free first hour	Per half hour	1.00	1.00	0.0
Daily Deck & Daily North (\$10.00 daily maximum)	0-1 hour	1.00	1.00	0.0
Long Term Lots (Change into effect-January 2016)	Daily maximum	5.00	7.00	40.0
Curbside Valet (\$28.00 daily maximum)	Per half hour	\$10 for 1 st half-hour; \$2 for additional half-hour	\$10 for 1 st half-hour; \$2 for additional half-hour	0.0
Business Valet (\$14.00 daily maximum)	Per half hour	\$5 for 1 st half-hour; \$1 for additional half-hour	\$5 for 1 st half-hour; \$1 for additional half-hour	0.0
Cell Phone Lot		free	free	free

Proposed FY2016 User Fees

Charlotte-Douglas International Airport continued				
9. Non-Regulatory Fees: Aviation Fees	Basis	FY2015	FY2016	% Change
Rental Rates:				
Land Rent	Per acre	\$ 6,000-10,000	\$ 6,000-10,000	0.0
Cargo Facility Rentals	Per square foot	7.50-12.00	7.50-12.00	0.0
City Hangar Rentals:				
60' x 60'	Per month	840.00	1018.00	21.2
T-Hangars	Per month	300.00	363.00	21.0
Shadeports	Per month	155.00	155.00	0.0
Rental Car Concessions	% of gross revenue	10.00	10.00	0.0
Tenant Fees:				
Airport ID Cards	Per card	10.00	10.00	0.0
Employee Parking Cards	Per card	245.00	300.00	22.5