

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-013

Establishing Fees and Charges for Chapters 27 and 29, Community Services, of the Multnomah County Code and amending Resolution 2020-077.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. The Multnomah County Code provides that the Board shall establish certain fees and charges by resolution;
- b. The Transportation Division collects fees for permits related to the use or modification of the County's rights of way and investigates and processes petitions for road vacations. The user fees that fund these services are not adequate to recover the operational and administration costs necessary to provide these services;
- c. Fees for right of way permitting and road vacation were last increased 5 years ago (Resolution 2020-077). Costs of providing these services have increased during this time. It is necessary to increase these fees to sustain the County's right of way permitting program;
- d. From FY 2027 until FY 2031 there will be an automatic fee increase in the amount of the lesser of 5% or CPI; and
- e. All other County fees and charges established by Resolution 2020-077 are intended to remain in effect.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

The following fees are amended as follows:

Section 27.052. MISCELLANEOUS PERMIT FEES

- (A) For overweight or over dimensional moves, except for moves as specified in MCC 27.052(A)(2), either single trip or annual permit, the fee shall be \$8.00. Future fee increases by the Oregon Department of Transportation shall automatically increase the county's fee for this service to the same level, without action of the board of county commissioners.
- (B) For building and structure move permits, permittee shall post a deposit of \$1,050.00 prior to issuance of a permit. Non-refundable permit application, investigation and issuance fees for structures under 14 feet in width and 15 feet in height shall be \$263.00. For structures exceeding the above dimensions, the non-refundable permit fee shall be \$263.00. Inspection fees to be billed at the actual costs incurred by the county including overhead and equipment costs. For over-dimensional moves other than house moves, the non-refundable permit fees for heights over 17 feet in width shall be \$263.00 for a normal workday, and \$315.00 for holidays and weekends.
- (C) For permits issued for manholes for storm and sanitary sewers, the minimum fee shall be \$263.00. An additional \$32.00 per manhole will be charged if more than one manhole.

- (D) For permits issued for canopies, awnings and marquees, a fee of \$263.00 shall be charged.
- (E) For permits issued for construction or reconstruction of driveway approaches, the fee shall be \$315. This fee includes two inspections. For each additional inspection or site visit required in excess of two, a fee of \$158 per inspection or site visit will be charged.
- (F) For permits issued for sewer connections, the fee shall be \$263.00 per connection.
- (G) For a drilling or boring test hole permit, the minimum fee shall be \$263.00. An additional fee of \$32.00 per drilling or boring test hole will be charged if more than one hole.
- (H) For curb drain outlet construction or reconstruction, including drainage connections to catch basins, a fee of \$315.00 shall be charged.
- (I) For sidewalk construction or reconstruction, the fee shall be \$263.00.

Cost	
Base cost (1 panel = 25 square feet)	\$263.00
Each additional square foot	\$5.00

- (J) The fee to release advertising benches picked up within the right-of-way shall be \$263.00 per bench.
- (K) For any excavation, construction, reconstruction, repair, removal, abandonment, placement or use within the right-of-way, the permit fee shall be a minimum of \$263.00.
- (L) For material filing or excavating within the public right-of-way, the permit fee shall be \$263.00.
- (M) For underground storm or sanitary sewer construction, reconstruction or repair permits, including property service and laterals not maintained by the county, the fees shall be \$263.00.
- (N) A permit fee for a temporary road closure, the fees shall be the following.

Length of closure	
0 - 0.25 miles	\$315.00
0.26 - .5 miles	\$420.00
0.51 - 1 miles	\$525.00
> 1.1 miles	\$735.00

- (O) If work is commenced on a project requiring a permit without first securing the permit, the fee shall be double the fee for that permit. If the fee required by this subsection is not paid directly to the department by the owner of the property, the person paying the penalty shall be required to notify the owner that the penalty was imposed. Payment of the fee shall not relieve or excuse any person from penalties imposed for violation of any applicable statutes or ordinances.
- (P) A permit deposit for each permit authorizing work under ORS 374.305 not covered in this section shall be 120 percent of estimated amount of charges based on the estimated hours or part thereof for plan review and/or inspection. The final fee will be determined at completion of the project based on the actual costs incurred by Multnomah County including overhead and other related costs. The difference between the two amounts will be billed or refunded to the permit holder with the minimum fee being \$263.00.
- (Q) Permits under this section shall be issued without charge when a permit is required as a direct result of a county public works improvement.[Ord. 126 § 9 (1976); Ord. 195 § 6 (1979); Ord. 256 § 2 (1980); Ord. 278 § 3 (1981); Ord. 367 § 1 (1983) (court of appeals held that payment of fee for permit by utility companies was in violation of ORS 758.010 on May 16, 1984, supreme court denied petition for review August 8, 1984, court of appeals decision became enforceable September 10, 1984); Ord. 467 § 2 (1985); Ord 826 § 2(A)--(H) (1995)]

Section 27.053. PLAN REVIEW AND INSPECTION OF UNDERGROUND INSTALLATIONS AND STREET INTERSECTIONS.

- (A) For plan review and inspection of any storm sewer line installation, when completed facilities are to be maintained by the county, the department shall charge fees sufficient to cover the actual cost of services. The deposit schedule shall be:

Project Cost as Estimated by the County	Deposit
Minimum Deposit at the time of application for administration and plan review	3,150.00
Deposit at time of construction	10% of project construction cost for the portion of the project that will be maintained by the county

- (B) When submitting plans for review, the applicant shall submit a copy of the engineer's estimate or the bid construction cost. No plans will be reviewed without the required cost figures. If, in the opinion of the director of the department, the cost figures appear unreasonable, the director shall establish the permit fee based upon the director's cost estimate of the work to be done. The director shall submit a report to the county executive/chair of the board of county commissioners whenever a cost estimate is adjusted and shall state the reasons therefore.
- (C) For utility lines, including storm and sanitary sewers, to be maintained by others, not connecting to a county-maintained system but located within county-controlled right-of-way or easements, the plan review and inspection fee will be \$263.00.
- (D) For storm or sanitary sewer line systems located on private land connecting to county maintained systems, the plan review and inspection fees will \$263.00

- (E) A sewer line system for fee purposes means a line with two or more connections including lateral lines, house branches, inlets or any other appurtenance contributing discharge.
- (F) Plan review and inspection fees will be established by the director for connections to a county system where the development area is not discernable or applicable. A deposit shall be 120 percent of estimated amount of charges based on the estimated hours or parts thereof required for plan review and/or inspection. The final fee will be determined at completion of the project based on costs incurred by Multnomah County including overhead and other related costs. The difference between the actual costs and the deposit will be billed or refunded to the permit holder.
- (G) For plan review and inspection of each street intersection or vehicle access, either public or private, other than a standard driveway approach, a fee of \$315.00 will be charged.
- (H) Plans shall be reviewed by Multnomah County under this section for compatibility with the comprehensive plan, conformance to county design criteria, as applicable, and for general protection of county facilities as considered necessary.
- (I) Inspection by Multnomah County under this section will be cursory only and will not relieve the owner, contractor or engineer of responsibility for the project being completed according to plans and specifications.

[Ord. 126 § 10 (1976); Ord. 826 § 2(I), (J)(1995)]

Section 27.054: ROAD VACATION APPLICATION.

Feasibility study:	\$525.00
Application:	120% of estimated costs
Minimum:	\$1,050.00 plus \$65.00 for posting

Section 27.055. STREET AND ROAD WIDENING PERMITS.

(B) The construction permit deposit schedule for engineering, design, project management, and administration shall be as follows:

Project Cost as Estimated by the County	Deposit
Minimum Deposit at the time of application for administrative review	3,150.00
Deposit at time construction permit is issued	10% of project construction cost for the portion of the project within and adjacent to County right of way

Section 27.056. MISCELLANEOUS PUBLIC WORKS FEES.

For services provided by the department in connection with design, plan review and inspection of items not set forth elsewhere, the department shall charge fees sufficient to cover the actual cost of services. A permit deposit of 120 percent (120%) of estimated amount of charges based on the estimated hours or part thereof for design, plan review, and/or inspection. The actual charges will be based on actual costs including overhead and other related costs,

determined at the completion of the project. The difference between the actual costs and the deposit will either be billed or refunded to the permit holder with the minimum fee being \$263.00.

Section 29.506. PERMITS REQUIRED.

§ 29.506: Transportation Compatibility Sign-off	\$82
§ 29.506: Transportation Planning Review	\$525
MCRR 16.000: Road Rules Variance (requires notice fee in addition)	\$788
MCRR 26.150 Stormwater review	\$341
MCRR 7.000 Transportation Impact Study review	\$709

Section 29.712. SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION FEE, DEPOSIT AND COST RECOVERY.

§ 29.712 (A) Special Event Permit Application Fee	\$263
§ 29.712 (B)(1) Special Event Deposit amount: >10hrs administrative staff time required	\$5,000

All Sections of this Resolution, shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

ADOPTED this 3rd day of March, 2026.



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