



fees and charges

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This section highlights any significant changes to Council's fees and charges.

A complete schedule of all Council's fees and charges is provided in Volume 3 : Fees and Charges. Volume 3 can be viewed online: www.gdc.govt.nz/TenYearPlan or a copy is available on request.

Trade Waste Fee

During consultation on the draft Ten Year Plan it was proposed to increase the trade waste discharge fee from 1.1¢ per cubic metre of wastewater discharged to 30¢ per cubic metre effective from 1 July 2009. This fee is paid by industries whose trade waste flows through the city wastewater system.

Following submissions on the increase Council determined that the change would be phased in over 4 years. The reduction in income from reducing the fee in year 1 would be recovered in years 3 and 4. The effect of this will be fees (in 2009 dollars) as follows:

From 1 July 2009	20¢ per cubic meter
From 1 July 2010	30¢ per cubic meter
From 1 July 2011	35¢ per cubic meter

A rate of 30¢ per cubic metre better reflects the estimated industry share of the annual wastewater system operating costs. This rate is also in line with the estimated industry share of the operating costs expected when the new wastewater treatment plant is commissioned in December 2010.

The proposed fee will place Gisborne District Council in the mid-range of fees charged by other councils investigated.

Assuming the same volume discharge, the difference in revenue to Council of an increase from 1.1¢ per cubic meter to 30¢ per cubic meter is \$350,000.

Solid Waste

Council will introduce a surcharge of \$10 per tonne on all waste through transfer stations. This is to recover past deficits resulting from the investigation for a district landfill. This will be collected on behalf of Council by our waste contractor.

Water Connection Fee

Council will increase the water connection fee by 3% on 2008-09 prices from \$350 to \$360 inclusive of GST.

Environment and Planning

In most cases Council will increase fees and charges by 3% on 2008-09 prices. A notable exception is the proposed increase to the infringement fee for parking illegally in a disabled carpark. It is proposed to increase this from \$40 to \$150, an increase of 275%. Other exceptions are where prices have been increased to reflect the actual and reasonable cost of providing the service.

Deposit fees for land-use and subdivision resource consents have been introduced in line with common national practice. Some subdivision processing fees have been increased to reflect staff time input and to better align with national practices. A discount for prompt payment of dog registration fees (rather than penalties for late payment) has been introduced.

Cemeteries

Council will increase all cemetery fees and charges by 3% plus a rounding up/down effect. These were last increased in 2004.

Waikanae Holiday Park

Charges will increase for all accommodation types by 8% on 2008-09 prices. The 8% consists of about 3% inflation and 5% growth, in line with market movements.

Accommodation charges at the Holiday Park are reviewed on a regular basis to ensure they remain compliant and in line with other accommodation providers.

Vehicle Testing Station

There is no change proposed for retail prices for cars and light commercial or trailer and caravans but discounts applied to bulk and trade have been reduced from 2008-09 prices.

HB Williams Memorial Library

It is proposed to decrease scanning and printing from \$1 to 20 cents. No other changes are proposed.

Community Housing

On average, Council currently charges rents at 35% below the market rate for its community housing. These rents do not cover operating costs.

Rents will increase to a maximum of 10% below market rates incrementally over the next few years.

Council also intends to reduce operating costs to comply with its Revenue and Financing Policy which stipulates 100% user pays.

Theatres

The table below lists the proposed increases to hireage fees and miscellaneous charges for theatres. There has been no change to fees and charges since at least 2006.

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THEATRE FEES and CHARGES			2006	2009	% CHANGE	ANNUALISED % CHANGE
Lawson Field Theatre	Local amateur performance	Full day	\$265	\$280	5.7%	1.9%
		Same day matinee and evening	\$60	\$80	33.3%	11.1%
	Professional/Commercial	Per half day	\$200	\$225	12.5%	4.2%
		Evenings	\$300	\$325	8.3%	2.8%
		Full day	\$400	\$450	12.5%	4.2%
Rose Room	Voluntary organisation	Per half day	\$100	\$120	20.0%	6.7%
		Evenings	\$150	\$170	13.3%	4.4%
		Full day	\$200	\$220	10.0%	3.3%
	Weddings	Per half day	\$250	\$260	4.0%	1.3%
		Evenings	\$300	\$310	3.3%	1.1%
		Full day	\$400	\$420	5.0%	1.7%
War Memorial Theatre	Professional/Commercial	Per half day	\$200	\$210	5.0%	1.7%
		Evenings	\$300	\$320	6.7%	2.2%
		Full day	\$400	\$420	5.0%	1.7%
Rates for setting up Lawson Field Theatre	Professional touring groups		\$175	\$190	8.6%	2.9%
Rates for setting up War Memorial Theatre	Professional touring groups		\$175	\$190	8.6%	2.9%
Front of house staff			\$20	\$25	25.0%	8.3%
Non return of key			\$30	\$40	33.3%	11.1%