



## **Audit, Finance & Enterprise Committee Report**

**Date:** March 5, 2020  
**To:** Audit, Finance & Enterprise Committee  
**Through:** John Pombier, Assistant City Manager  
**From:** Matt Tafoya, Presiding City Magistrate  
Paul Thomas, Court Administrator  
**Subject:** Municipal Court Construction Fee Increase Recommendation  
Citywide

### **Purpose and Recommendation**

The purpose of this report is to recommend an increase of three dollars (\$3.00) to the Municipal Court's Construction Fee, resulting in a fee amount of \$31.50 per case effective July 1, 2020. The Court Construction Fee helps pay the debt service associated with the construction of the Mesa Municipal Court facility.

### **Background and Discussion**

A Court Construction Fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) was established by Ordinance 4416 in 2005 for the purpose of offsetting costs associated with the construction, debt service, furniture, fixtures and equipment of a new Mesa Municipal Court facility. The ordinance was revised in November 2006 by Ordinance 4621 increasing the fee to \$16.50.

Ordinance 4621 states that "this fee shall be increased July 1, 2008 and every third year thereafter in the amount of three dollars (\$3.00), and shall be discontinued upon retirement of debt associated with construction of the new court facility."

The current fee amount is \$28.50 per case, effective July 1, 2017.

### **Alternatives**

The increase is outlined in City ordinance, therefore, any alternative to implementation of the prescribed \$3.00 scheduled increase would require a revision of the existing ordinance.

**Fiscal Impact**

Increasing the Court Construction Fee will ensure compliance with the existing ordinance and continue to reduce the debt service obligation associated with the construction of the Mesa Municipal Court. The fee increase is anticipated to increase revenues by \$75,000.

**Coordinated With**

The Municipal Court coordinated with the City Attorney's Office and the Office of Management and Budget for this report.

## Fees & Charges Schedule – Key

### Heading Configuration

<b><u>Schedule of Fees &amp; Charges</u></b>
<b>Department</b>
Contact Information
<b>HEADING 1</b>
HEADING 2
<i>Heading 3</i>
Description of Fee
Description of Fee 2

### Font Indications

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Regular Font	Existing fee or language
<del>Strikethrough</del>	Fee or language will be deleted from the Fee Schedule
<b>BOLD CAPS</b>	Language is being added to Fee Schedule
<b>Bold</b>	New or increased Fee Amount

**Fee Recommendation Schedule**  
**Exhibit A**  
**Department: Municipal Court**

Description of Fee	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Unit	Revenue Code	Fiscal Impact	Notes
Court Construction Fee:	<del>\$28.50</del>	<b>\$31.50</b>	Per Case	1413-4401	\$75,000	Automatic
(Note: per Ordinance 4621, fee is increased every three years. Last was increased 7/1/2017 7/1/2020.)						

**Estimated Total Annual Fiscal Impact:                    \$75,000**