



Frequently Asked Questions

1. When was the Master Fee Schedule last updated?

The Master Fee Schedule was established in 1973, and the existing fees have not been updated since that time. New fees have been incorporated into the Master Fee Schedule as they have been adopted by resolution of the Cerritos City Council. However, the existing fees have not been reviewed or increased since their adoption in 1973.

2. Why are the fees increasing?

The new fee increases have been adopted by the Cerritos City Council by way of City Council Resolution 2017-4 on February 23, 2017 in an effort to recover and off-set the administrative costs of providing planning services currently being subsidized by the City's General Fund.

3. When will the new Master Fee Schedule be effective?

The Master Fee Schedule will be effective on July 1, 2017, in accordance with Cerritos City Council Resolution 2017-4.

4. Which fees will be affected as a result of the changes to the Master Fee Schedule?

Effective July 1, 2017, all existing fees will be increased, and several new fee types have been added to the Master Fee Schedule. Impacted fee categories include: business license fees, minor precise plan fees, over-the-counter permit fees, trade permit fees, building and safety permit fees, CEQA review fees, public hearing fees, conditional use permit fees, development code amendment fees, development map/general plan amendment fees, precise plan fees, temporary use permit fees, tentative parcel/tract map fees, tree removal requests, requests for variance, wireless telecommunication permit fees, and massage operation permit fees. Several planning related public works fees will also be increased.

5. What is the General Plan Maintenance Fee?

A 17.5% General Plan Maintenance Fee will be applied to City planning permit fees. As part of City Council Resolution 2017-4, the General Plan Maintenance Fee has been approved in order to assist in cost recovery for the State-mandated update to the City's General Plan, estimated to cost approximately \$1,000,000.

6. Will I still have to pay Los Angeles County and State of California fees?

Yes, all Los Angeles County and State of California fees must be paid in addition to City of Cerritos fees. The new Master Fee Schedule does not include any Los Angeles County or State of California fees, and only provides fee information for City fees.

7. Who will be impacted?

The fee increases will impact Cerritos residents and private entities, such as private developers, private property owners, and businesses, who wish to make improvements to their respective properties requiring planning approval or permits.

8. Are there discounts for Cerritos' homeowners?

Yes, Cerritos' homeowners will receive a reduced rate for planning permit fees. The City has discounted City planning permit fees and City planning related public works fees by 20%.

9. Where can I obtain a copy of the new Master Fee Schedule?

A copy of the new Master Fee Schedule can be obtained from the Department of Community Development public counter, and is available for viewing at cerritos.us/planningfees.

For more information, please contact the Department of Community Development at (562) 916-1201.