

Resource Management Act 1991
Grey District Council
Proposed Fees and Charges 2023/24

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This Statement of Proposal has been prepared as part of consultation regarding proposed fees to be charged under the Resource Management Act 1991.

Section 36(2) of the Resource Management Act requires Council to seek public feedback on its proposed fees and charges through the Special Consultative Procedure under section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.

The special consultative procedure gives the public an opportunity to make submissions and provide feedback on the proposed fees. Submitters who wish to speak with Council will be able to do so at the Council Annual Plan Hearing scheduled for 30 May 2023.

Introduction

Some of the work the District Planning Unit of Council does has an element of cost recovery. While some charges are set by statute, other statutes give local authorities the power to set charges.

This proposal considers fees and charges for:

- Resource consents: processing, monitoring and enforcing, administration;
- Resource Management Act planning documents
- A range of other District Planning matters

Each financial year the Council reviews the fees and charges to ensure that:

- Those who benefit from the services of the resource consent activity pay a fair and reasonable share of the costs of these services; and
- The fees and charges reflect any changes in the cost of providing these services; and
- The fees and charges align with Council's Revenue and Financing policy.

Section 101 (3) of the Local Government Act 2002 and Section 36(4) of the Resource Management Act 1991 provide that charges can be set for regulatory functions.

2. Reasons for the Proposed Fees and Charges

Council considers it is appropriate that 100% of the costs it incurs are charged to the affected individual rather than some of the cost being met by the general ratepayer.

In fixing fees under Section 36 of the RMA, Council is required to have regard to the following:

- That the sole purpose of the charge is to recover reasonable costs incurred by the local authority in respect of the activity to which the charge relates.
- A particular person or persons should only be required to pay a charge to the extent that:

- The benefit of the local authorities actions to which the charge relates is obtained by those persons as distinct from the community or the local authority as a whole; or
- Where the need for the local authority's actions to which the charge relates is occasioned by the actions of those persons; or
- In a case where the charge is in respect of the local authority's monitoring functions under section 35(2)(a) (which relates to monitoring the state of the whole or part of the environment), to the extent that the monitoring relates to the likely effects on the environment of those person's activities, or to the extent that the likely benefit to those persons of the monitoring exceeds the likely benefit of the monitoring to the community of the local authority as a whole.

3. Resource Management Act – Proposed Fees and Charges

The fees and charges for the 2023/24 year have been reviewed and Council is proposing a change in the Limited and Publicly notified application fees and the staff charge out rates. All other charges remain unchanged apart from inflationary adjustments.

- An increase in Limited and Publicly Notified application fees to bring into line with actual costs.
- Increasing staff charge out rates so that the cost of staff time spent on a particular application is paid by the applicant, and not the general ratepayer.
- Increased fees for inflation of 7.7%
- Introduced a Planning Assistant/Officer charge to better reflect the work of Council Officers.
- Changed the Hearing Commissioner rates from a daily rate to an hourly rate.

Planning		2022/2023 fee including GST	2023/2024 fee including GST
All fees listed are <u>Deposits</u> . Balance of charges will be charged at the rates specified.			
Subdivisions			
Boundary Adjustments	<i>deposit only</i>	\$715.00	\$766.00
Non-notified (2 - 5 lots)	<i>deposit only</i>	\$1,212.00	\$1,297.00
Non-notified (6 - 10 lots)	<i>deposit only</i>	\$2,316.00	\$2,479.00
Non-notified (11+ lots)	<i>deposit only</i>	\$3,145.00	\$3,366.00
Public notification - subdivision	<i>deposit only</i>	\$2,013.00	\$2,154.00
s224	<i>deposit only</i>	\$464.00	\$497.00
s226 certificate	<i>deposit only</i>	\$907.00	\$971.00
Other certificates (e.g. s223)	<i>deposit only</i>	\$262.00	\$281.00
Esplanade reserve reduction/w waiver	<i>deposit only</i>	\$842.00	\$901.00
Reapproval lapsed consent	<i>deposit only</i>	\$907.00	\$971.00
ROW/Easement amendments	<i>deposit only</i>	\$639.00	\$684.00
Land Use Consents			
Hazardous substances	<i>deposit only</i>	\$1,009.00	\$1,080.00
Signs	<i>deposit only</i>	\$907.00	\$971.00
Relocated buildings	<i>deposit only</i>	\$715.00	\$766.00
Bulk & locn/recession plane/setback	<i>deposit only</i>	\$769.00	\$823.00
Heritage	<i>deposit only</i>	\$715.00	\$766.00
Non-rural/residential activities	<i>deposit only</i>	\$1,515.00	\$1,622.00
Utilities	<i>deposit only</i>	\$907.00	\$971.00
Vegetation clearance	<i>deposit only</i>	\$842.00	\$901.00
Sub-sized lots	<i>deposit only</i>	\$1,414.00	\$1,513.00
Notified Land Use and Subdivision Consent Applications			
Limited Notified Application		\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Publicly Notified Application		\$0.00	\$7,500.00
Plan Changes			
District Plan Changes - major	<i>deposit only</i>	N/A	N/A
District Plan Changes - minor	<i>deposit only</i>	N/A	N/A
Other			
Designation/Heritage Order	<i>deposit only</i>	\$4,583.00	\$4,904.00
Alteration of designation	<i>deposit only</i>	\$1,838.00	\$1,967.00
Certificate of compliance	<i>deposit only</i>	\$464.00	\$497.00
s357 objection	<i>deposit only</i>	\$696.00	\$745.00
Consent variation - non-notified	<i>deposit only</i>	\$630.00	\$675.00
Consent variation - notified	<i>deposit only</i>	\$1,201.00	\$1,286.00
Permitted boundary activity (s87BA)	<i>deposit only</i>	\$464.00	\$497.00
Deemed permitted activity (s87BB)	<i>deposit only</i>	\$727.00	\$778.00
Outline Plan	<i>deposit only</i>	\$464.00	\$497.00
Comments on Draft Applications/Pre application advice (note first HALF HOUR free then staff hourly rates)		staff hourly charge out rates	staff hourly charge out rates
Consultants/Peer Review		\$211/hour (not more than)	\$226/hour (not more than)
Legal advice		\$422/hour (not more than)	\$452/hour (not more than)
Hearings - Commissioner		\$1775/day (not more than)	\$431/hour (not more than)
- Facilities		\$223/hour (not more than)	\$239/hour (not more than)
Monitoring Levy	<i>flat fee paid upon granting of land-use consent</i>	\$157.00	\$168.00
Resource Consent Monitoring of Conditions		staff hourly charge out rates	staff hourly charge out rates
Administration - Charge Out Rates		2022/2023 fee including GST	2023/2024 fee including GST
Planners		\$164.00	\$176.00
Planning Assistants/Officers		\$0.00	\$144.00
Administration/Customer Service Officers		\$123.00	\$132.00