

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 -

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE 2025 MASTER FEE SCHEDULE.

WHEREAS, cities throughout the State face limited resources, making it critical for them to ensure that their fees for required or requested services reflect the cost recovery that is consistent with California law and do not exceed the estimated reasonable cost of providing the service for which the fee is charged; and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2022, the City of National City ("City") adopted the City of National City Master Fee Schedule via Resolution 2022-61; and

WHEREAS, the Master Fee Schedule includes a number of user fees, which are charges for service provided by a governmental agency to the public for services that primarily benefit individual users rather than the community at large; and

WHEREAS, though the Master Fee Schedule featured some limited updates in October of 2023, a comprehensive update of the fees has not occurred since 2022, and it was determined that adjustments in user fees may be necessary to close the gap between current fees and actual service costs in order to reduce general fund subsidies, allowing such funds to be redirected to provide services which benefit the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2024, the City entered into an agreement with Wildan Financial Services ("Wildan") to develop a cost allocation plan and perform a comprehensive user fee study to develop an updated fee schedule that ensures appropriate cost recovery for services directly benefiting individual users and consistent with applicable laws; and

WHEREAS, based on the calculations and methodology performed by Wildan, as set forth in the User Fee Study (Exhibit B to the Agenda Report) and Cost Allocation Plan (Exhibit C to the Agenda Report), staff recommends new and updated user fees as set forth in the 2025 Master Fee Schedule, attached to the Agenda Report as Exhibit D; and

WHEREAS, the proposed updates in the 2025 Master Fee Schedule include 79 new fees, 320 increased fees, 30 lowered fees, and 151 unchanged fees; and

WHEREAS, changes to City fees require a public hearing and, upon approval, do not become effective for at least sixty (60) days; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was noticed and held on June 3, 2025, in accordance with State law; and

WHEREAS, upon approval, the 2025 Master Fee Schedule will become effective on August 4, 2025; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that the user fees be reviewed annually to ensure cost recovery is maintained in future years based on the Consumer Price Index or other relevant data that may be available.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the City Council hereby adopts the 2025 Master Fee Schedule for user fees within the City of National City, superseding all fees previously established for said services. The 2025 Master Fee Schedule is attached to the Agenda Report as Exhibit D.

Section 2: That the City Council hereby authorizes City staff to annually review user fees to ensure cost recovery is maintained in future years based on the Consumer Price Index or other relevant data that may be available and make recommendations for changes to the Master Fee Schedule to the City Council.

Section 3: That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 3rd day of June, 2025.

Ron Morrison, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shelley Chapel, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Barry J. Schultz, City Attorney