

Supplementary Agenda (I) for an extraordinary meeting of the Waikato District Council for the Long-term Plan Hearings and Deliberations to be held in the Council Chambers, District Office, I5 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia on **THURSDAY, 27 MAY 2021** commencing at **9.00am** and **THURSDAY, 3 JUNE 2021**.

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Information and recommendations are included in the reports to assist the Council in the decision making process and may not constitute Council's decision or policy until considered.

4. LONG-TERM PLAN HEARING REPORTS & SUBMISSIONS

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Note: Supplementary Agenda (2) with Deliberation Reports to follow under separate cover for the deliberations meeting on Thursday, 3 June 2021.

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TERMS OF REFERENCE AND DELEGATION

Chairperson:	His Worship the Mayor
Deputy Chairperson:	Deputy Mayor
Membership:	The Mayor and all Councillors
Meeting frequency:	Six weekly – or as required
Quorum:	Half of the members (including vacancies)

Purpose

- I. To provide leadership to, and advocacy on behalf of, the people of the Waikato District.
- 2. To define and represent the total communities' interests, ensuring ongoing community and economic development, the effective stewardship of existing assets, sustainable management of the environment, and the prudent management of the communities' financial resources.

Terms of Reference

The Council's terms of reference include the following powers which cannot be delegated to committees, subcommittees, officers or any other subordinate decision-making body:

- I. The power to make a rate.
- 2. The power to make a bylaw.
- 3. The power to borrow money, or purchase or dispose of assets, other than in accordance with the Long-Term Plan.
- 4. The power to adopt a Long-Term Plan, Annual Plan, or Annual Report.
- 5. The power to appoint a Chief Executive.
- 6. The power to adopt policies required to be adopted and consulted on under the Local Government Act 2002 in association with the Long-term Plan or developed for the purpose of the local governance statement, including the Council's Infrastructure Strategy.
- 7. The power to adopt a remuneration and employment policy.
- 8. The power to approve or amend the Council's Standing Orders.
- 9. The power to approve or amend the Code of Conduct for elected members, and consider any recommendations made in relation to a complaint lodged under the Code.
- 10. The power to appoint and discharge:
 - a. members (including chairpersons) of Council committees and subordinate decision-making bodies, subject to the Mayor's powers under section 41A Local Government Act 2002; and
 - b. elected member representatives on external organisations.
- 11. The power to establish a joint committee with another local authority or other public body, and appoint elected members as representatives on such committees or bodies.
- 12. The power to make the final decision on a recommendation from the Ombudsman where it is proposed that Council not accept the Ombudsman's recommendation.

- 13. The power to approve or change the District Plan, or any part of that Plan, in accordance with the Resource Management Act 1991.
- 14. The power to amend or replace the delegations in Council's Delegations Register (except where expressly permitted in the Delegations Register).

To exercise the following powers and responsibilities of Council, which the Council chooses to retain:

- I. To approve a proposed policy statement or plan under the Resource Management Act 1991.
- 2. To approve changes to boundaries of the District under the Resource Management Act 1991 or any other legislation.
- 3. In respect of District Plan decisions:
 - a. To appoint independent commissioners to a panel for hearings of a Proposed District Plan;
 - b. To approve the recommendation of hearings commissioners on a proposed plan, plan change or variation (including private plan change); and
 - c. To approve a proposed plan or a change to a district plan under Clause 17, Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- 4. To adopt governance level strategies, plans and policies which advance Council's vision and strategic goals (e.g. Hamilton to Auckland rail), other than where expressly delegated to a committee.
- 5. To approve Council's recommendation to the Remuneration Authority for the remuneration of elected members.
- 6. To approve the Triennial Agreement.
- 7. To approve resolutions required to be made by a local authority under the Local Electoral Act 2001, including the appointment of an electoral officer and reviewing representation arrangements.
- 8. To approve any changes to the nature and delegations of any Council committees or subordinatedecision making bodies.
- 9. To approve the Local Governance Statement.
- 10. To approve any additional funding decisions required for the Watercare Services contract.
- II. To receive six-monthly reports from each Community Board on its activities and projects.

Attachment 4

Late submissions to the Long Term Plan 2021-31 for Council acceptance

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1845

Full Name: Raglan Community Board

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

The Board supports OPTION 2 for a lower rate increase in year one, our reasoning for this is that our community is still recovering from the downturn associated with COVID and that 2% reduction in year 1 could be a meaningful saving to some ratepayers

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

As Raglan does not have any Council owned pensioner housing we will not make a comment on this feedback topic other than to say that the Council needs to continue to develop policies that help increase the supply of affordable housing especially in Raglan where median house prices have jumped 85% over 5 years to \$785,000.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

This feedback topic is not associated with Raglan but as a community that takes pride in an over 70% diversion from landfill and the economic benefit and local job creation through the operation of the Xtreme Zero Resource Recovery Centre we feel that the Council needs to go with OPTION 2. It will be critical for the Council to set the other communities up to succeed like Raglan with the removal of their inorganic collection as it will insulate their ratepayers from the ever-increasing landfill fees and the coming circular economy.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

The Board does not support the centralisation of discretionary funding as this would potentially mean community organisations would miss out to more skilful regional applicants. The cost for managing the discretionary funding process could be eliminated by delegating the application process

completely to the Community Boards, as it appears the current Council staff based process does not add any value to the actual Board decision to fund or not.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

See attached

Attachment: Yes

Raglan Community Board

Submission on the LTP 2021 – 2031

The Raglan Community Board thanks the Waikato District Council for the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft Long Term Plan (LTP) covering the period 2021-2030. Raglan has weathered the effects of COVID-19 as best as can be expected for a community with many businesses and employees dependent on the influx of tourists both international and domestic. The community came together to support those that need assistance during the Alert level 4 period with food deliveries and conversation through to Raglan Area School ensuring our children are still learning.

It will be critical in the coming years to ensure that the council can do all that is possible to help assist Raglan to continue to be a thriving community as even with the return of international tourists there is no certainty of a return to the levels pre COVID.

Below is our comments and thoughts on the LTP 2021-2030

- 1. General Rates Increase
 - The Board supports **OPTION 2** for a lower rate increase in year one, our reasoning for this is that our community is still recovering from the downturn associated with COVID and that 2% reduction in year 1 could be a meaningful saving to some ratepayers.
- 2. Inorganic kerbside collection
 - This feedback topic is not associated with Raglan but as a community that takes pride in an over 70% diversion from landfill and the economic benefit and local job creation through the operation of the Xtreme Zero Resource Recovery Centre we feel that the Council needs to go with **OPTION 2**. It will be critical for the Council to set the other communities up to succeed like Raglan with the removal of their inorganic collection as it will insulate their ratepayers from the ever-increasing landfill fees and the coming circular economy.
- 3. Pensioner Housing
 - As Raglan does not have any Council owned pensioner housing we will not make a comment on this feedback topic other than to say that the Council needs to continue to develop policies that help increase the supply of affordable housing especially in Raglan where median house prices have jumped 85% over 5 years to \$785,000.
- 4. Other feedback from the LTP consultation document
 - It was not clear from the LTP document what support for Raglan tourism has been included, we would like the Council to consider how it can support the Raglan ihub given the need to support local businesses and community in response to covid and recovery on going.
 - The capital cost in the LTP set aside for the Raglan Waste water consent needs to be aligned with the lowest cost land based solution which is acceptable to the community and hapu.
 - It is concerning to see the doubling of water supply costs to \$9.6M (we expect this is the Watercare contract) is not matched by the saving on internal costs, the

improved access to knowledgeable staff for the Waste Water and Storm Water committees is appreciated but it is critical that good governance on that extra \$4.5M spend has been put in place.

- We would like more clear understanding of what the capital funds budgeted \$0.5M for a Raglan community centre and \$0.34M for Raglan community facility, both these values would be for feasibility studies as no capital earmarked for a building has been set. Is this a targeted rate cost and therefore do we need to spend?
- The Board does not support the centralisation of discretionary funding as this would potentially mean community organisations would miss out to more skilful regional applicants. The cost for managing the discretionary funding process could be eliminated by delegating the application process completely to the Community Boards, as it appears the current Council staff based process does not add any value to the actual Board decision to fund or not.
- The continued support of the Raglan kerbside foodwaste collection is also critical to that landfill diversion and could actually be a revenue stream for the wider district if expanded and sold to an industrial biomethane producer like FirstGas or EcoGas.
- 5. Fees and Charges feedback
 - The Raglan town hall committee has standardised the hall fees to match the other halls in the district and this was tabled in the March Board meeting [RCB2103/04], it needs to be added to the hall fees table going forward.
 - The Board supports the addition of a boat ramp fee in Raglan but the bylaw and introduction of fees will need consultation before being finalised with the Raglan users and Raglan Fishing Club many of whom helped build and maintain these ramps in the past.
 - The commercial high impact event fee needs further consideration as the \$1,000 per day which results in Soundsplash concert only paying \$10,000 being one of the lowest Council fee 10,000 person event in New Zealand. In the February 2020 and August 2020 Board meeting we requested that the Council set the commercial high impact event fee at a similar level to other councils [RCB2009/06]
 - Raglan Wharf commercial moorage fees of \$1,332/yr need to be compared to other similar wharf facilities in regional coastal communities to ensure it is appropriate.
 - The aerodrome landing fee must cover the annual maintenance cost as well as the amortised cost of the new safety fencing being installed.

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1847

Full Name: Te Kowhai Community

Group

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing Option selected: Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initia	itives
Option selected:	

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or

Suggestions

Comment:

The Te Kowhai Community Group supports the funding of the completion of the Te Otamanui Walkway. This funding is via 6 annual contributions of \$20,000 each. This will allow the walkway to be completed to a high standard allowing for enhanced community use.

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1848

Full Name: Waikato Screen

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase Option selected:

Comment:

The Board supports OPTION 2 for a lower rate increase in year one, our reasoning for this is that our

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or

SuggestionsComment:

See attached

Attachment: Yes



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Regional Film Office Proposal

The Opportunity

Waikato and its districts are missing out on multi-million dollar spend by the film industry in NZ. Location shooting is worth millions paid in wages and services to local suppliers.

The screen sector spent in our Mighty Waikato is 170 million, whilst the spend in New Zealand is 3.5 Billion. We want to triple our multimillion-dollar film economy in our region over the next 10 years.

We want to establish a Regional Film Office (RFO) in Waikato that will attract screen opportunities, grow jobs and businesses, retain our highly skilled crew, and profile our stunning region to the world of film. We want our Mighty Waikato to become known as the heart of NZ Screen productions. This is a burgeoning sector in NZ and post covid international opportunities are spilling over. Auckland and Wellington are overflowing with work.

What is a Regional Film Office?

Regional Film Offices (RFOs) represent New Zealand and their regions to the international film sector.

They play an integral part in getting film into the region. When international productions choose New Zealand, Regional Film Offices (RFO) work together to ensure the best support and location(s) are provided to overseas companies. Without such arrangements we do not benefit from these productions and miss out on valuable industry spend because Waikato is one of the few remaining regions without a RFO.

Broadly speaking, RFO's carry out activities in partnership with other stakeholders to:

- Attraction

We market our regional locations to the film world, attract film, TV commercials, music videos, and series, which provide economic benefit for our region.

- Facilitation

We ensure productions enjoy a seamless, speedy, and successful interface with the regions agencies: local and central govt, local iwi, local providers and businesses.

Resource consents and permitting is an especially important aspect within the facilitation category since local districts often have unique and different permitting processes.

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- Advocacy

We advocate for the industry by managing the relationship between the screen sector, government, community, and others impacted or benefited by its activity. We ensure that businesses in our area are used to their full potential (rather than importing workforce from outside areas i.e. Auckland & Wellington, which is the current practice)

- Environmental impact

Climate change is the biggest challenge we will all face. We also believe that to keep our region beautiful, we need to look after it. Waikato Screen will actively encourage, educate and supply environmental solutions to those filming in our area. For example, keep waste out of landfill, encourage productions to use 100% recyclable water bottles, have hybrid fleets as well as incentives for employees to own electric vehicles and to carpool.

Waikato Screen will successfully facilitate the relationship between the screen sector, government, community, and others impacted or benefited by its activity. These include Territorial Authorities, government agencies (e.g. DOC, NZTA), lwi and other landowners.

Waikato Screen engages and liaises with the New Zealand Film Commission (NZFC), a crown entity helping grow and support New Zealand's film industry. They work closely with other RFO's under the umbrella of the Regional Film Office New Zealand association (RFONZ) to ensure our region is successful in attracting and promoting the region to the international film industry.

A region without a RFO does not have a presence at the table and no point of contact within the industry, resulting in productions seeking filming elsewhere.

The regions that are enjoying the benefits of a flourishing film industry include; Venture Taranaki, Film BOP, Film Otago, Dunedin Film, Screen Canterbury and Eastern Screen Alliance, Screen Auckland and Screen Wellington.

Waikato is currently one of the only remaining regions that does not have a RFO.

Introduction to Waikato Screen

Waikato Screen is currently recognized as the Regional Film Office for the Waikato by RFONZ (Regional Film Office NZ), the NZ Film Commission and the Film Industry itself. Waikato Screen is a contributing member to the RFONZ monthly Zoom meetings, MOU's with the NZFC and RFONZ annual forums. Waikato Screen is also the region's point of contact for the NZ Film Commission. Waikato Screen receives approximately two enquiries a month via NZFC and the industry from producers or location scouts looking to shoot TVC's, music videos, TV series and feature films.

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Until Waikato Screen is fully funded it can only generate a small amount of traction.

Waikato Screen Advisory board established in 2018 consists of: Amanda Hema (Te Waka), Kiri Goulter (Te Waka), Jeremy Mayall (Creative Waikato), Jason Dawson (Tourism Waikato), Rebecca Evans (Tourism Waikato), Vanessa Williams (Hamilton Central Business Association)

Hamilton & Waikato Tourism have signed a letter of intend to become the governance structure for Waikato Screen. Waikato Screen has applied for funding from Waikato Regional Council and have engaged Harkness Henry to establish a legal framework and MoU to manage future relationships. In the interim Waikato Screen is operating under the auspices of Hamilton Waikato Tourism as described in the attached letter from HWT.

Paige Larianova (a local film maker) has been operating the Regional Film Office for Waikato out of her own pocket since 2018. Larianova works in the film industry and has over the many years of her career generated extensive knowledge and contacts. In 2018, Larianova saw how much the Waikato Region was missing out and set up Waikato Screen on a voluntary basis and as a temporary solution, with the view to become a funded film office, so the Waikato would not continue to miss out on film opportunities.

In 2020, Madelien Scholten and Erin Griffiths joined Larianova on a voluntary part-time basis, also with the aim to establish funding for Waikato Screen. Madelien has worked in London and Amsterdam as an Art Director in Advertising and has knowledge and contacts within the international industry. Erin Griffiths has a background in sales, marketing and client consultation and has extensive knowledge of the Mighty Waikato.

RFO's are required to be fully independent regional groups and are not permitted to oncharge services to industry participants.

Waikato Screen Outcomes

- Creative Talent Development Program to place paid interns on set.
- Collating database of local crew for inbound productions.
- Industry networking events & social media site feeding news to the industry.
- Film Industry Survey to capture wants and needs of industry.
- Provide recces (visit potential locations) with international location managers & scouts and producers for potential Waikato based films.

Our plan

To secure funding to establish Waikato Screen as Waikato's Regional Film Office and enable the narrative that Waikato is the heart of screen productions in NZ.

Waikato Screen would work with our partners (listed previously), to not only show them the most stunning and varied locations in the country, but to grow our economy, our profile, create jobs and opportunities for our people and to tell our stories with film as the narrative.

Waikato Screen Management

The Regional Film Office would be overseen by Larianova with a set number of hours per week with overall governance by Hamilton Waikato Tourism. We are tapping into the strengths and resources of Scholten and Griffiths to create a set of film-oriented marketing collaterals, a new website, and locations reel/crew database allowing us to compete on the world stage and show Waikato Screen is 'open for business'.

Respectful request of Waikato District Council

That council acknowledge the partners who have established Waikato Screen, to be the Regional Film Office for Waikato.

That council support and endorse the ongoing operation of Waikato Screen, to be the Regional Film Office for Waikato.

That the relationship between Waikato Screen and council is managed by one point of contact from the council.

That Council financially support the future work of Waikato Screen with \$25,067 pa for the next three years.

Signed on behalf of Screen Waikato by

Madelien Scholten

Erin Griffiths

Recent Productions in the Waikato Region

Wider Waikato

Disney+ production. currently shooting 2021 20th Century Fox production, currently shooting 2021

South Waikato

Pete's Dragon, (Tokoroa), 2016 Yogi Bear (South Waikato) 2009

Coromandel

Falling In Love, Netflix (Coromandel) 2019 Hunt for the Wilder people (Coromandel) , 2016 The Chronicles of Narnia (Coromandel) 2004 TV: Macklemore 'Can't hold us' song video (Cathedral Cove) 2013 TV: Tiki Taane 'Summer Time' song video (Coromandel) TV: The Black Seeds 'So True' song video (Coromandel) 2004

Raglan

TV: Mitch James 'Old News' song video (Raglan) 2018

Hamilton

Daffodils (Hamilton) 2018

North Waikato

Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon (North Waikato) c.1999

Taupo

Without a Paddle (Waikato River, Huka Falls, and Taupo) 2004

Matamata / W<u>aitomo</u>

TV Commercial Budweiser Super Bowl commercial (Piopio, Waitomo) 2017 The Lord of the Rings (Matamata, Waitomo, Waikato districts) 1999 The Hobbit (Matamata, Waitomo, Waikato districts) 2010



Open Meeting

То	Waikato District Council	
From	Sue O'Gorman	
	General Manager Customer Support	
Date	27 May 2021	
Prepared by	Jodi Bell-Wymer - Corporate Planner	
	Ben Burnand - LTP Project Manager	
Chief Executive Approved	Y	
Reference #	GOV1318 / PR1496 / ECM3088589	
Report Title	Long Term Plan 2021-31 Deliberations – Proposed Fees and Charges 2021-2024	

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On 6 April 2021 Council resolved to approve the Proposed Fees and Charges 2021-2024 (Proposed Fees and Charges) for consultation in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 (Special Consultative Procedure). The Proposed Fees and Charges were consulted on alongside the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 (LTP) from 7 April to 7 May 2021.

19 submissions were received on the Proposed Fees and Charges. 6 submitters supported the proposed fees, 5 submitters opposed the proposed fees, and 3 submitters supported the proposed fees in part. The majority of feedback was focused on the removal of overdue library book fees. The remaining 5 submissions were received through the main LTP submission form which did not provide the same submitter selections as the user fees and charges submission form. These remaining submissions provided feedback on boat ramp fees and clarification over livestock fees.

Staff recommend no changes to the Proposed Fees and Charges are required following consultation and review of submissions.

The purpose of this report is for Council to deliberate on the submissions received and adopt the Proposed Fees and Charges, subject to any amendments, to come into effect on 1 July 2021.

The following documents are included as attachments:

Attachment I All submissions received on the Proposed Fees and Charges 2021-2024

Attachment 2 Proposed Fees and Charges 2021-2024

2. **Recommendation**

THAT the report from the General Manager Customer Support be received.

AND THAT pursuant to Sections 83 of the Local Government Act 2002, Council consider submissions to the Proposed Fees and Charges 2021-2024;

AND FURTHER THAT subject to any amendments, the Proposed Fees and Charges 2021-2024 (Attachment 2) be adopted by Council to come into effect on I July 2021.

3. BACKGROUND

Council's fees and charges have been reviewed as part of the preparation of LTP. The Proposed Fees and Charges can only be confirmed after public consultation has been undertaken in accordance with the Special Consultative Procedure set out in the LGA.

The preparation for the Proposed Fees and Charges was initiated in early 2020. A workshop for the Councillors was held on Wednesday 3 March 2021. Key changes outlined in the Proposed Fees and Charges are summarised below:

Minor changes

- Customer services
- Cemeteries
- Community halls and meeting rooms
- Community facilities
- Property information requests
- Waste minimisation and refuse

More than minor changes or newly introduced fees

- Library removing overdue fines
- Reserves new events fees
- Animal control stock impounding fees, dog registration fees and removing disability assistance dog fees
- Building control a new fee for the new electronic processing system and historic application and works over fees
- Development agreements new fees for large scale developments
- Planning various increases
- Land information memoranda various increases
- Monitoring- various increases
- Environmental health various increases and a new fee for alcohol licence public notices
- Roading new fees for livestock crossing applications and checks, road closures and road naming, increased fees for overweight permits

Public consultation for the Proposed Fees and Charges was undertaken between 7 April and 7 May 2021, alongside the LTP. Hearings are scheduled for 25 to 27 May 2021; however, at the time of writing, no submitters chose to speak to their submission on the Proposed Fees and Charges.

Staff recommend that the Council adopt the Proposed Fees and Charges directly following the hearings on the 17 May, to allow the required system updates to be processed prior to 1 July 2021.

This report has been prepared upon the basis of written submissions received during the consultation period and ahead of the hearing of submissions commencing 25 May 2021.

4. DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 DISCUSSION

Submissions summary

19 submissions were received relating to the Proposed Fees and Charges. The table below presents a summary of the comments communicated through those submissions. 6 submitters supported the proposed fees, 5 submitters opposed the proposed fees, and 3 submitters supported the proposed fees in part. The remaining 5 submissions were received through the main LTP submission form which did not provide the same submitter selections as the user fees and charges submission form. The comments from these remaining 5 submissions are included in the table below.

Do you support the Proposed Fees and Charges?				
Yes	No	In part		
6	5	3		
	Main themes within submissior	าร		
 Supportive of the removal of overdue fees in libraries to allow all to access information with no financial burden Supportive of removing barriers for those wanting to access libraries Agree with adding a boat ramp fee 	 Concern regarding the impact of Covid-19, families struggling to make ends meet, and impact of proposed general rates increase. Excessive increase in fees 	 Understand the appeal of no charges but can think of other ways to help people out Additional increase to fees and charges is another hit to personal earnings 		
What changes would	you like to see to the Propos	ed Fees and Charges?		
 Would like to see library offer renewal service for books online Evidence supports removal of overdue fees 	 Stay the same in year one No change to fees and charges for 18 months or more No fee increases or new fees 	 Late fees should remain but remove charges for reserving books or obtaining newly released books Supports removal of overdue fees Removal of reserve/hold fees as cost is prohibitive 		

	along with driving long			
	distances to collect the			
	item			
	Any additional comments?			
-	Appreciate importance of fees income but strongly support any reduction in library			
	user charges. Use of library should be available to all regardless of ability to pay.			
-	Council is doing a great job but listen to your constituency and act for them, not			
	against them. Put projects on hold until community is back on its feet.			
	Submission IDs			
	#1641, #1287, #1284, #1272, #1271, #1270, #1268, #1267, #1266, #1265, #1260,			
	#1230, #1212, #1203			
	User fee related comments from submissions received via LTP consultation form			
-	Support user-pays based pricing systems for waste and rubbish fees, to encourage			
	waste reduction by all.			
-	Against adding a new boat ramp usage pass for single or annual use.			
-	Support boat ramp charges. Suggestion to include a different charge for rate payers			
	and non-ratepayers.			
-	More information should be provided in the fees and charges document to enable			
	users to be more informed as to potential costs associated with an activity.			
-	- Confirm that the memorandum of encumbrance for stock underpass is a 'one off' fee,			
	clarify how the permanent stock crossing checks are charged for.			
-	That all fees and charges relating to the same or similar activity are included in the			
	same section of the fees and charges document.			
-	Do not support increases to fees or new fees however, recognises that in some cases			
	these increases cannot be avoided. Where fees increase or new fees are added the			
	expectation is that the quality and level of service provided by council also increases			
	and that rate-payers receive improved and high quality services delivered in a timely			
	manner.			
	Submission IDs			

#1838, #1836, #1832, #1819, #1743

A late submission has been received from the Raglan Community Board (submission ID #1844) which does contain some feedback on fees and charges. The submission requires formal acceptance by Council as a late submission to the LTP before being incorporated for analysis. Owing to meeting statutory deadlines for this report, any matters to address that arise from this submission if it is accepted by Council, will be tabled with this report.

Key Matters Raised in Submissions

Majority of the submissions received through the fees and charges submission form are focused on the proposed removal of overdue library book fees. The Customer Delivery Team Leader has provided the following comments in relation to that feedback:

- We have realised the benefits of removing overdue fees during the creation of our library strategy. Our strategy includes a goal of increasing literacy in our district and access to material.
- Overdue fees are considered a barrier that have prevented access to literature, and we are committed to making it easier for people to enjoy what our libraries have to offer.

- Online renewal is currently being considered however staff are unable to provide an implementation time at this date.
- With regard to other fees and charges (like reserves/hold fees), we will continue to consider what changes can be made. Particular consideration will be given to barriers for young readers to access material.

Submissions for fees and charges received through the LTP submissions were mixed. Although there was general support for a user pays system, specific feedback was received about the proposed boat ramp fees (two against, one for) and clarity sought on proposed stock fees and underpasses.

4.2 **OPTIONS**

The options that have been identified are:

Option One:	Do not adopt the Proposed Fees and Charges		
	This option is not recommended.		
	This option would not allow the required system updates to be implemented by I July 2021.		
Option Two:	Adopt the Proposed Fees and Charges with amendments		
	This option is not recommended.		
	After reviewing the submissions, staff recommend no changes are required to the Proposed Fees and Charges 2021-2024 document.		
Option Three:	Adopt the Proposed Fees and Charges		
	This option is recommended.		
	This option will allow the required system updates to be implemented by 1 July 2021		

4.3 FINANCIAL

There are no financial costs associated with adopting the Proposed Fees and Charges.

Increases in fees and charges have been kept to a minimum wherever possible and account is taken of efficiencies when they occur. The principle of user pays continues to be applied and there is no profit margin built into the charges. Growth in overall revenue from fees and charges is driven by the growth in the district rather than increasing the amounts charged.

4.4 LEGAL

Council is required to follow the special consultative procedure set out in Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 before the Proposed Fees and Charges can be confirmed.

The special consultative procedure under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 has been observed. Council staff are satisfied that the procedure as required by that Section was appropriate and enabled the community to respond to the proposed Fees and Charges and provide an opportunity to be heard at a hearing.

STRATEGY, PLANS, POLICY AND PARTNERSHIP ALIGNMENT

The Fees and Charges document is reviewed every three years with the LTP to ensure the Proposed Fees and Charges fairly reflect the cost of services available and offered by Council.

Assessment of Significance and Engagement Policy and of External Stakeholders

Council has undertaken public consultation for the Proposed Fees and Charges in accordance with Section 83 of the LGA.

Highest levels of engagement	Inform X	Consult	Involve	Collaborate	Empower
	Public notices were placed in the Waikato Times, Te Kauwhata Chatter, Raglan Chronicle and the Franklin County News. In addition to this, consultation was publicised on our website, the link newsletter and Facebook pages and 25 drop-in sessions and stalls were held at various locations throughout the district.				
	The deliberations for the LTP and associated consultations such as the Proposed Fees and Charges allow Council to consider the submissions received during the consultation process before adopting a final version. The community will be informed of the decisions made following the Council's deliberations and adoption of the final LTP.				

5. CONCLUSION

Council resolved to consider and approve the Proposed Fees and Charges for consultation in accordance with the special consultative procedure. The Proposed Fees and Charges were consulted on alongside the LTP from 07 April to 07 May 2021.

19 Submissions were received and no submitters have opted to speak at the hearing. Following deliberations, staff are proposing Council adopt the Proposed Fees and Charges with no changes.

6. ATTACHMENTS

- 1. All submissions received on the Proposed Fees and Charges 2021-2024
- 2. Proposed Fees and Charges 2021-2024

Submitter ID: 1641

Name: Arran Tawhara

Organisation:

Wish to speak to submission: No

Do you support the proposed fees and charges?

No

Please tell us why

Covid

What changes would you like to see to the proposed fees and charges?

Stay then same in year one

Any additional comments?

No

Submitter ID: 1287

Name: Trevor Armstrong

Organisation: Pokeno Community Patrol and Pokeno & District Lions Club

Wish to speak to submission: No

Do you support the proposed fees and charges?

No

Please tell us why

I think, under the present economic climate where families are struggling to make ends meet, you should not impose more burdens on them that they are already suffering now. The elderly/pensioners are in the same boat and need your consideration. It doesn't matter if they live in a \$1,000,000.00 home, they won't have a million dollars in the bank. I am also a pensioner and I have to watch what I spend very month. So please give consideration to the Pensioners, Low Income Families and Families struggling due to the Covid downturn.

What changes would you like to see to the proposed fees and charges?

Leave them alone for the next 18months at least.

Any additional comments?

You are doing a great job, but listen to your constituency and act for them and not against them. Maybe you can put some projects on hold until the community gets back on its feet.

Your feedback will be made publicly available online and through Council reports.

Submitter ID: 1284

Name: Robyn Pegden

Organisation:

Wish to speak to submission: No

Do you support the proposed fees and charges?

Yes

Please tell us why

I specifically SUPPORT the change to libraries fees that overdue fines should be removed.

What changes would you like to see to the proposed fees and charges?

I have a background as a professional librarian and know that evidence supports that this strategy will indeed encourage peoples' ongoing use of library services. A great change!

Any additional comments?

Although I appreciate that fees income is important for any local council I strongly support any reduction in library user charges. Libraries must be available to all regardless of their ability to pay.

Submitter ID: 1272 Name: Withheld Withheld

Organisation:

Wish to speak to submission: No

Do you support the proposed fees and charges?

Yes

Please tell us why

Removal of fees will encourage more use in the libary

What changes would you like to see to the proposed fees and charges?

I would love to see the libary also offer renewal online if you still haven't quite finished that book

Any additional comments?

See above, please withhold my name thankyou

Submitter ID: 1271

Name: Kasey Banfield

Organisation:

Wish to speak to submission: No

Do you support the proposed fees and charges?

In part

Please tell us why

I understand the appeal of no charges, but I see other ways to help people out

What changes would you like to see to the proposed fees and charges?

I think that late fees should stay the same but the charges for reserving books and getting newly released books should be removed.

Any additional comments?

No

Submitter ID: 1270

Name: Marvin Casimiro

Organisation:

Wish to speak to submission: No

Do you support the proposed fees and charges?

In part

Please tell us why

There are a lot of taxes being paid and additional increase to fees and services is another blow to the meager earnings we have

What changes would you like to see to the proposed fees and charges?

I hope that the overdue charge for use of library books be abolished or removed

Any additional comments?

None

Submitter ID: 1268

Name: Kylee Jhaveri

Organisation:

Wish to speak to submission: No

Do you support the proposed fees and charges?

Yes

Please tell us why

I think this is a great idea, as an active library user sometimes life gets busy and then get charged for overdue items, when I have many items out this becomes costly and means I have to rethink using the library as the fines become too high. It would be great to have this avail without the burden

What changes would you like to see to the proposed fees and charges?

Love the zero fees

Any additional comments?

No

Submitter ID: 1267

Name: Jenna Harper

Organisation:

Wish to speak to submission: No

Do you support the proposed fees and charges?

Yes

Please tell us why

Less stress for those of us who struggle to get to the library in the first place.

What changes would you like to see to the proposed fees and charges?

No late fees from overdue library books.

Any additional comments?

Thank you for considering this!

Submitter ID: 1266

Name: tracey ryan

Organisation:

Wish to speak to submission: No

Do you support the proposed fees and charges?

Yes

Please tell us why

would be great to remove overdue fees charge....let's remove barriers for reading !

What changes would you like to see to the proposed fees and charges?

Remove overdue fees

Any additional comments?

no

Submitter ID: 1265

Name: Cheryl Maskell

Organisation:

Wish to speak to submission: No

Do you support the proposed fees and charges?

Yes

Please tell us why

I believe there should be no overdue fees in libraries and then everyone can have access to information with no financial burden.

What changes would you like to see to the proposed fees and charges?

N/A

Any additional comments?

N/A

Submitter ID: 1260

Name: Emily Newman

Organisation:

Wish to speak to submission: No

Do you support the proposed fees and charges?

In part

Please tell us why

I think that removing overdue fines for library items is a wonderful idea and key to making reading and library services accessible to the community, particularly children.

What changes would you like to see to the proposed fees and charges?

I think that the reserve/hold fee for children's library items should be removed. Often my children will want to read all the books in a series, and having to pay \$2.00 per book that isn't at our local branch is prohibitive. With the library branches spre

Any additional comments?

No.

Submitter ID: 1230

Name: michael ward

Organisation:

Wish to speak to submission: No

Do you support the proposed fees and charges?

No

Please tell us why

We have just been through massive job losses, weeks of lost work, .8% interest payments on savings, little chance of increased wages or salaries in the foreseeable future, and the council is proposing a 10% rates rise, where does the council think ratepayers will find this money from?. As for the increased levy on our local halls, i have lived in this district for 30 years and have never seen or heard of any event being held in these halls, maybe its time to sell off these burdens to the ratepayers. lastly organic rubbish collection i see the council is thinking of discontinuing this service, i have to pay for rubbish collection, my nearest library run by the council is in Taukau, about 40 ks drive, there is no public transport near my house, i don't understand why i have to pay rates at all, let alone a hike of 10%.

What changes would you like to see to the proposed fees and charges?

Zero rate increase.

Any additional comments?

zero rate increase

Submitter ID: 1212

Name: Raghu Hegde

Organisation:

Wish to speak to submission: No

Do you support the proposed fees and charges?

No

Please tell us why

Excessive increase in fees - more bureaucracy and red tape. These changes will only make standard of living bad.

What changes would you like to see to the proposed fees and charges?

NO fee increases or new fees! Have legislation to regulate but only charge fee if there is a need for enforcement.

Any additional comments?

NA

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Submitter ID: 1203 Name: Elaine Rodrigues

Organisation: Pokeno residents and ratepayers

Wish to speak to submission: No

Do you support the proposed fees and charges?

No

Please tell us why

To high and above inflation

What changes would you like to see to the proposed fees and charges?

Rates lowered

Any additional comments?

Fix up walk ways and streets in pokeno

Attachment: No

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Submitter ID: 1838

Name: Te Whakakitenga o Waikato Incorporated (Waikato-Tainui)

Organisation:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Do you support the proposed fees and charges?

Please tell us why

What changes would you like to see to the proposed fees and charges?

Any additional comments?

Attachment: Yes



RESPONSE TO THE WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2021-2031

7 MAY 2021

This response is filed for Waikato-Tainui by:

Te Whakakitenga o Waikato Incorporated PO Box 648 Hamilton 3240

INTRODUCTION

1. This response is made on behalf of Te Whakakitenga o Waikato Incorporated (formerly known as Waikato-Tainui Te Kauhanganui Incorporated).

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- 2. Te Whakakitenga o Waikato Incorporated (Waikato-Tainui) is the governing body for the 33 hapuu and 68 marae of Waikato and manages the tribal assets for the benefit of over 78,000 registered tribal members.
- 3. Waikato-Tainui provides this response to the Waikato District Council Long Term Plan (WDC-LTP) on behalf of our hapuu and iwi members.
- 4. Our response is structured as follows:
 - (a) Background to Waikato-Tainui.
 - (b) Overview of Waikato-Tainui's position regarding the WDC LTP.
 - (c) Scope and Purpose of Response.
 - (d) Specific comments on the WDC LTP.
 - (e) Concluding comments.

BACKGROUND TO WAIKATO-TAINUI

- 5. Waikato-Tainui marae are kaitiaki of their environment and regard the holistic integrated management of all elements of the environment (such as flora,fauna, land, air and water) with utmost importance.
- 6. Waikato-Tainui are tangata whenua and exercise mana whakahaere within our rohe (tribal region). Our tribal rohe is bounded by Auckland in the north and Te Rohe Potae (King Country) in the south and extends from the west coast to the mountain ranges of Hapuakohe and Kaimai in the east. Significant land marks within the rohe of Waikato include the Waikato and Waipaa Rivers, the sacred mountains of Taupiri, Karioi, Pirongia and Maungatautari, and the west coast harbours of Whaaingaroa (Raglan), Manukau, Aotea and Kawhia moana, the eastern areas of Tikapa Moana (Firth of Thames), and principally, New Zealand's longest river, TeAwa o Waikato.
- 7. We acknowledge and affirm the intrinsic relationship of Waikato-Tainui with our natural environment.
- 8. Waikato-Tainui entered into a Deed of Settlement regarding our Waikato River claim under Te Tiriti o Waitangi in 2008 ("2008 Settlement"). This was followed by the signing of a revised Deed in 2009 and ultimately, enactment of the Waikato-Tainui Raupatu (Waikato River) Settlement Act 2010 ("Settlement Act"). The settlement marked the genesis of the Crown's statutory recognition of Te Mana o te Awa and the establishment of a "co-management" approach between Waikato-Tainui and the Crown regarding matters relating to the Waikato River.
- 9. Waikato-Tainui recognizes the co-management committee that exists with Waikato District Council and wants to ensure that:

(a) The WDC LTP does not adversely affect the rights, interests, responsibilities and opportunities of Waikato-Tainui;

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(b) The co-management principles that underpin our 2008 Settlement and the Settlement Act are recognised and upheld.

OVERVIEW OF THE WAIKATO-TAINUI POSITION REGARDING WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2021-2031

10. Waikato-Tainui has a range of rights and interests including, but not limited to, those that arise from the following:

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- (a) The 1995 Waikato Raupatu Lands Settlement (and the Waikato Raupatu Settlement Act 1995), the 2008 Settlement and Settlement Act;
- (b) Tikanga and customary law;
- (c) Common law (including the common law relating to aboriginal title and customary law); and
- (d) The Treaty of Waitangi and its principles.
- 11. Waikato-Tainui seeks to ensure that these rights and interests are recognised and protected with any policy development.
- 12. As part of the River Settlement signing in 2008, we also signed the Kiingitanga Accord. A cornerstone of the settlement is that both Waikato-Tainui and the Crown have committed to enter a new era of co-management.
- 13. The intention of the settlement was that the Crown would respect and work with Waikato-Tainui in good faith, as a Treaty partner. As set out in the Kiingitanga Accord, this requires the Crown to engage with Waikato-Tainui at an early stage when developing any legislation or policies, or making any decisions, affecting the Waikato River, its waters or management over its waters.
- 14. As such, and in line with these principles, Waikato District Council must strive to engage early with Waikato-Tainui when developing any legislation, policies or plans which affect or impact on the Waikato River and te takiwaa o Waikato (the Waikato district) in general.

SCOPE AND PURPOSE OF RESPONSE

15. The purpose of this response is to convey the views of Waikato-Tainui in relation to the Waikato District Councils Long Term Plan 2021-2031.

COMMENTS ON THE LONG-TERM PLAN 2021-2031

16. Waikato-Tainui supports the Council's vision to "… work together as a district to build liveable, thriving and connected communities as our district grows." This aligns with the iwi's own mission "Kia Tupu, Kia Hua, Kia Puawai" – To Grow, Prosper and Sustain.

General Rates Options:

17. Option One – Set the general rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3. Option Two – Set the general rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3.

Neither Option One nor Option Two is palatable to Waikato Tainui however, Option Two is only marginally less impactful to the iwi.

18. The concept of a "Go Hard and Early" approach in which rates are increased 9% during COVID recovery does not reflect, in our opinion, a caring council that has fully considered the impact on the wellbeing of its most vulnerable communities.

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- 19. Waikato Tainui acknowledge the process WDC undertakes every six years to review policies for rates remissions and postponement. While we acknowledge the need for this review, as an lwi we want to ensure that our tribal members and those most vulnerable communities are not impacted by these proposed changes, and therefore want to seek assurance from WDC that all measures are considered to minimize financial impacts on our communities.
- 20. The social-economic impact of Raupatu (land confiscation) is ongoing for the people of Waikato-Tainui. We have among our tribal membership some of the lowest paid constituents within the Waikato District. Many have suffered significantly with job losses due to COVID-19. In this time of COVID-19 recovery it seems inconceivable that a rates increase of this magnitude is being considered. There appears to be little consideration as to the reality of impacts through rates increases to a sector of Waikato District Council's constituents already struggling with serious impoverishment.
- 21. Within this context it is imperative that Waikato District Council provide options to enable payment and reduce penalties, this should include effective rebates and postponement policies. In addition, where penalties may occur due to non-compliance to the new rate remission changes, Waikato District Council should provide fair and reasonable processes to ensure more significant penalties are managed and inequalities do not continue to grow for these communities.
- 22. Waikato Tainui seeks a commitment from Waikato District Council to meaningful engagement and discussion with a view to identifying equitable means to alleviate the impact of this level of increase, including consideration of rates remissions for tribal members.
- 23. The financial and resourcing impact on iwi in relation to fresh water standards which will require significant upgrades to infrastructure is not yet fully understood. However, the cost is likely to be in the order of 10's of millions of dollars.
- 24. Waikato Tainui seeks a commitment from Waikato District Council to meaningful engagement and discussion to understand and to identify how council will assist iwi, manawhenua and whānau to provide for financial resourcing toward upgrades to marae infrastructure.

Council divesting pensioner housing to a social service provider

- 25. Waikato Tainui acknowledge the serious housing shortage currently facing this district and the country and support opportunities to work collaboratively with councils, NGO's, social service and community groups to address the housing needs of our tribal members.
- 26. While we are not fully cognisant of the number of tribal members currently tenanting the council's pensioner housing, our major concern with this proposal is that the tenants are not adversely affected by this proposal.
- 27. As such, Waikato-Tainui is not generally opposed to the divesting of Council's pensioner housing stock but seeks reassurance from Council that all tenants (and particularly any that are tribal members) are able to retain their housing arrangements should the transfer occur.

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INORGANIC CURBSIDE RUBBISH COLLECTION

OPTION 1: continue to deliver the service with an increase to the solid waste targeted rate for everyone who currently receives a refuse collection to cover the true cost of the service. The solid waste targeted rate would increase to \$229.30, an increase of \$6.68 or 3% from \$222.71 in 2020.

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OPTION 2: stop the service from year 1 of the 2021-31 Long Term Plan. The solid waste targeted rate would decrease to \$209.46 in year 1. This is a saving of \$13.25 from what you currently pay. Choosing this option would not cancel the collection planned for 2020/21.

- 28. While the inorganic curbside rubbish collection is much valued by the community, Waikato-Tainui acknowledge that the service is costly.
- 29. Waikato-Tainui are concerned that stopping the service might result in increased incidences of dumping of inorganic matter and the resulting negative impact on our environment, particularly our waterways.
- 30. It is noted that should the service be ceased, the solid waste targeted rate would decrease and a reduction in charges is always welcomed.
- 31. We note that stopping the service is the Council's preferred option and we have no issues with this as long as Council can assure us that those who dump rubbish are dealt with quickly and harshly and that Council will increase its efforts to prevent this happening.

Other Matters – Taiao (Environment)

- 32. Waikato Tainui seeks a commitment from Waikato District Council to support us to achieve the objectives of the Waikato Tainui Tai Tumu, Tai Pari, Tai Ao Environmental Plan.
- 33. Waikato Tainui seeks a commitment from Waikato District Council toward restoration and protection of all flora and fauna taonga species within their natural environment. It goes without saying that in order to protect biodiversity Council should regard the broader issues of water take, and discharge to water, land and air as critical to achieving protection of biodiversity.
- 34. Waikato Tainui seeks a commitment from Council to ongoing engagement in relation to RMA reforms, specifically the proposed Natural and Built Environments Act (the Act) since the Act is likely to affect our ability to exercise Manawhakahaere over Te Awa o Waikato and her environs and our ability to restore and protect taonga species.
- 35. Waikato Tainui seeks a commitment from Council to engagement in relation to climate change since its' detrimental effects impact not only on iwi, hapuu and marae and whaanau but also on our ability to contribute fully in restoration and protection of the natural environment in which flora and fauna taonga species live.
- 36. Waikato Tainui seeks a commitment from Council to provide for Waikato, Waipa restoration iwi priorities which includes provision of resources and specific technical support to identify manawhenua and marae priorities.
- 37. Waikato Tainui seeks a commitment from Waikato District Council to ensure that those of our mana whenua who provide input and share their maatauranga with council in the development of policies and plans are properly resourced and recompensed for their time and expertise.

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PROPOSED CHANGES TO USER FEES AND CHARGES

38. We note that a number of changes to user fees and charges are being proposed, the most significant being:

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- (a) Removal of overdue library fees
- (b) Adding a new boat ramp usage pass for single of annual use
- (c) Three newly proposed category fees for commercial events that are based on the number of people attending events on our reserves
- (d) Increase to stock impound fees
- (e) Building consents a number of new fees proposed to cover the actual cost of processing using a new electronic system for customers, for reviewing historic building consents, for building consent exemptions and for applications for works over or adjacent to water pipes
- (f) An increase in monitoring fees to recover actual costs
- (g) A new fee to cover the actual costs for large scale development which require coordination of a project team to assess activities across multiple areas within Council
- 39. In general, Waikato-Tainui do not support increases to fees or new fees however, recognises that in some cases these increases cannot be avoided. However, where fees increase or new fees are added the expectation is that the quality and level of service provided by council also increases and that rate-payers receive improved and high quality services delivered in a timely manner.

CONCLUSION

- 40. In conclusion, Waikato-Tainui recognises and understands the process that the Waikato District Council must undertake around their Long-Term Plan 2021-2031
- 41. Waikato-Tainui has a number of rights and interests as a result of legislation and other processes and seeks to ensure that these rights and interests are recognised and protected and that
 - (a) The WDC LTP does not adversely affect the rights, interests, responsibilities and opportunities of Waikato-Tainui;
 - (b) The co-management principles that underpin our 2008 Settlement and the Settlement Act are recognised and upheld.
- 42. Waikato-Tainui remind Waikato District Council that the negative socio-economic impacts of Raupatu continue to be felt by our tribal members to this day and many have also been affected by the impacts of Covid 19. Within this context, Waikato District Council must ensure that there are a range of manageable payment options available to our iwi members as well as rates rebates and remission options.
- 43. Waikato-Tainui supports the Council's vision to "... work together as a district to build liveable, thriving and connected communities as our district grows." This aligns with the iwi's own mission "Kia Tupu, Kia Hua, Kia Puawai" To Grow, Prosper and Sustain.
- 44. Council should at all times seek to engage early with Waikato-Tainui in the development of policy and plans and in their implementation.

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DATED

8 May 2021

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Waikato District Council – Draft User Fees and Charges 2021-2024 Submission

Submitter ID: 1836

Name: Hilary Walker for Federated Farmers of New Zealand

Organisation:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Do you support the proposed fees and charges?

Please tell us why

What changes would you like to see to the proposed fees and charges?

Any additional comments?

Attachment: Yes

SUBMISSION

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INTRODUCTION

 The Waikato Province of Federated Farmers and Franklin and North Waikato Branches (hereafter collectively referred to as Federated Farmers) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Waikato District Council Long Term Plan 2021 - 24 (LTP). We acknowledge any submissions made by individual members of Federated Farmers. This submission provides overall comment from the perspective of our farming members on the proposals in the consultation document and respective funding policies.

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- 2. Federated Farmers is focused on the transparency of rate setting, rates equity and both the overall and relative cost of local government to agriculture. We support councils that are making progress towards achieving fairness and equity in their rating policies.
- 3. Federated Farmers would like to be heard in support of the submission.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4. Federated Farmers does not consider the projected rate increases of 8.4% for rural properties is justified and therefore recommends that Council makes greater use of the funding tools available under the Local Government Act to offset the disparity created by New Zealand's property value based rating system.
- 5. That Council continues to work hard to make efficiency gains and exercise spending restraint, to ensure rates increases are within the rate of inflation.
- 6. Federated Farmers seeks maximum use of the UAGC funding mechanism. If council determines that this would result in unfeasible rates increases this year, then incremental increases to achieve the 30% cap should be made over the next three years.
- 7. Federated Farmers expects services that provide an equal or indistinguishable amount of benefit across ratepayer groups, to receive increased levels of UAGC contribution. Activities such as Council Leadership, and Organisational Support are two examples.
- 8. That Waikato District Council steadily reduce general rate contributions to fund three waters infrastructure and activity.
- 9. That Council better manage the maintenance programmes of unsealed roads and associated infrastructure assets such as culverts and better manage water tables to reduce failures and unnecessary out of schedule repairs.
- 10. Federated Farmers supports Option 1, with respect to making any necessary general rate increases earlier rather than later, not the proposed extent of the increase.
- 11. That Council reassess the Revenue and Finance policy with increased use of fully funded fixed targeted rates for those services with easily identifiable beneficiaries.
- 12. Federated Farmers supports Option 2: Sell pensioner housing to a responsible service provider.

13. Federated Farmers support Option 1: Continue to offer the inorganic kerbside collection service.

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- 14. Federated Farmers considers more information should be provided in the fees and charges document to enable users to be more informed as to potential costs associated with an activity.
- 15. Confirm that the Memorandum of Encumbrance for stock underpass is a 'one off' fee, clarify how and when the permanent stock crossing checks are charged for.
- 16. That all fees and charges relating to the same or similar activity are located in the same section of the fees and charges document

GENERAL COMMENTS

- 17. Rates are among the top ten operational expenses of a farming business. They are a source of financial pressure for farmers. Federated Farmers makes submissions on Annual and Long Term Plans to ensure Council's exercise fiscal prudence, and consider affordability, fairness and equity issues when recovering rates (to the extent this is possible in land and capital value rating systems).
- 18. Federated Farmers appreciates that for Regional and District Councils alike the 2021 LTP is heavily directed by external factors. Increasing costs to implement Central Government regulatory changes, coupled with the ongoing impact of COVID19 are untimely challenges for Councils. There is pressure to invest in new and upgraded infrastructure, especially for the 'three waters' and for roading and transport, let alone adequately maintain their existing infrastructure. Councils can defer this work for only so long.
- 19. Federated Farmers extends an offer to foster a better working relationship with Council, we are keen to build on this through regular meetings between our nominated representatives and staff and create opportunities for discussion over resource management issues and the future direction of our district.

FINANCIAL STRATEGY

Rates Increases

- 20. Over the past few years ratepayers have experienced rates increases well above the rate of inflation, whether it is expressed as the consumer price index (which is of primary importance to ratepayers) or the local government cost index. This places considerable burden on ratepayers.
- 21. Rates are a charge for services, and they are **supposed** to reflect the access to, and benefit derived by ratepayers from council services. This is a key principle, reinforced in 2019 by the Productivity Commission and a key provision in s.101 of the LGA that sets out funding principles for local authorities. In practice though, Federated Farmers considers that the 'benefit principle' is often eroded by factoring in other considerations like 'affordability' or 'ability to pay', even though councils have no idea of the financial situations of their individual ratepayers.

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- 22. Simply put, rates based on capital or land value result in farms paying much more than other types of property for the general services of local government. Perversely, farmers are miles away from a lot of what their council provides, and rural areas are sparsely populated without demand for (let alone supply of) footpaths, litter bins, streetlights, and parks.
- 23. The average increase across the district of 7.8% is significant, and for our members, rural ratepayers, the increase is projected to be even greater at around 8.4%. When ratepayers that are not connected to services are amongst the highest and hardest hit by the rate increases it is a clear indicator of an over reliance on the property value portion of the general rate being used to fund council activities.
- 24. We note Council is advising the work programmes in the draft LTP will result in an average rate increase for ratepayers that will not exceed 10% in year one, and 8% in every other year of the plan. We remind Council that the incomes of ratepayers will in no way increase to the same extent as the proposed increases in rates, with the implication that the costs Council is imposing on its ratepayers, will squeeze out other areas of expenditure.
- 25. **Recommendation:** Federated Farmers does not consider the projected rate increases of 8.4% for rural properties is justified and therefore recommends that Council makes greater use of the funding tools available under the Local Government Act to offset the disparity created by New Zealand's property value-based rating system. For example, we strongly support the use of modifiers such as differentials, to reduce the high general rates on farms. We support full use of the Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC) up to the legislated 30% cap and Targeted Rates as they are generally fairer for farms than property value.
- 26. **Recommendation:** That Council continues to work hard to make efficiency gains and exercise spending restraint, to ensure rates increases are within the rate of inflation.

Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC)

- 27. Federated Farmers supports use of the UAGC as close to the legislative maximum of 30% of total rates revenue as possible.
- 28. It is unclear what the current usage is because this information has not been provided in the either the consultation (CD) or support documents. Federated Farmers considers it important to have the percentage of UAGC use clearly reported in the LTP. This allows readers to see how close to the legislative maximum the UAGC use is, and therefore how committed a council is to reducing their reliance on the property value based general rate and how fair their rating system is consequently.
- 29. Federated Farmers consistently supports full use of the UAGC to ensure a more equitable contribution from ratepayers across the district and has previously urged Waikato District Council to increase the use this funding mechanism to offset the disparity created by property value rates. Whilst the CD states that the UAGC portion will increase by the same portion as the general rates portion that doesn't mean it will be used as extensively as it should be.
- 30. UAGC's are a fair way for Councils to rate for services that provide an equal or indistinguishable amount of benefit across ratepayer groups. Especially when compared to a general rate calculated by capital value which results in groups such as farmers paying more for an activity which they are unlikely to use more than any other group in a community.

31. Where Council is concerned that the effects of increasing the use of the UAGC rate would be regressive and impact upon lower capital value properties, Federated Farmers submits that the rates remissions scheme, alongside the broader central government welfare system and rates rebates scheme, remain the most robust and efficient methods of progressive redistribution, with the ability to target each concern on a case by case basis, in a way that is not possible using the blunt property value basis afforded by rates.

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- 32. Council is not in a position to assess who is most able to afford its rates. Councils do not know the income or net wealth of their ratepayers, which are the best indicators of ability to pay. All councils know is their ratepayers' assessed property values and have access, like anyone else, to social demographic statistics. This is insufficient information on which to base "ability to pay" principles.
- 33. Council should keep in mind the specific purpose of local government rates is to fund Council activities in a manner that is efficient and equitable; the tax treatment of rates as a business expense, is not a matter that is either reasonable or relevant to consider when deciding what is a fair allocation of rates. Federated Farmers uses this opportunity to remind Council that rates attract GST because they are considered a payment for goods and services. Rates are not 'just another tax' and we ask council to resist using this relatively dismissive response when asked to justify why the rates land so disproportionately on higher value properties.
- 34. It is worth remembering that uniform charges were introduced into rating legislation as a tempering tool to offset the bluntness of the property value mechanism. It was designed to shift inequitable rating burdens from those with high value properties.
- 35. Federated Farmers supports maximum use of general and targeted uniform charges. When these mechanisms are utilised, every ratepayer pays the same amount for the public good services of council that everyone benefits from equally. Better use of the UAGC will also reduce reliance on the general rate as a funding mechanism and flattens the distribution of rates bills between high to low value properties.
- 36. **Recommendation:** Federated Farmers seeks maximum use of the UAGC funding mechanism. If council determines that this would result in unfeasible rates increases this year, then incremental increases to achieve the 30% cap should be made over the next three years.
- 37. **Recommendation:** Federated Farmers expects services that provide an equal or indistinguishable amount of benefit across ratepayer groups, to receive increased levels of UAGC contribution. Activities such as Council Leadership, and Organisational Support are two examples.

THREE WATERS – DRINKING, WASTE AND STORMWATER

38. Federated Farmers appreciates that infrastructure deficits for waste and storm water along with Government direction for drinking water will increase rating pressure for all Councils. For Waikato District Council, we note that three waters infrastructure all rely on contributions from the general rate.

39. A significant proportion of Federated Farmers members, and the wider rural community in general, do not rely on the Council's waste and water system infrastructure. Instead, our members are responsible for their own supplies, i.e private water schemes with independent septic tanks.

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- 40. Federated Farmers is concerned that the cost of remedying local government's failings in this regard is steadily working its way into farm rates. Federated Farmers therefore considers that any increase to rates to fund infrastructure to support the needs of urban ratepayers should be passed back to these ratepayers specifically. Funding for water and wastewater network costs should not be meet via contributions from the general rate.
- 41. **Recommendation:** That Waikato District Council steadily reduce general rate contributions to fund three waters infrastructure and activity.

ROADING

- 42. Roading is always a key issue for farmers, and we take the opportunity to advise council that poor maintenance of the unsealed network and associated water tables and culverts are undermining the assets.
- 43. These should be the priority for Council on the unsealed network along with a more frequent grading regime. We note Council is making more use of a roller working in conjunction with the grader and we commend this approach.
- 44. **Recommendation:** That Council better manage the maintenance programmes of unsealed roads and associated infrastructure assets such as culverts and better manage water tables to reduce failures and unnecessary out of schedule repairs.

SPECFIC CONSULTATION TOPICS

Two General Rate options

- 45. Federated Farmers takes the opportunity to not only discuss the proposed rate increase and when it should kick in but use of the general rate and other options more broadly.
- 46. In considering the funding uses for the General rate, a rural property should not contribute a disproportionate amount, unless that rural property receives greater relative benefit from the particular activity. Federated Farmers is committed to ensuring Council achieves a reasonable allocation of costs to the community, through intelligent use of rating tools.
- 47. The reality that overreliance on the general rate disadvantages higher value properties undermines the equity outcomes Council should be trying to achieve and underpins the need for Council's rating policies to reflect some consideration of the relative 'benefit received' by ratepayers from Council activities, when considering who should bear the costs of these activities.
- 48. Federated Farmers understands that WDC uses a range of targeted rates as part of the funding source for activities such as community and leisure facilities, community boards,

economic development, stormwater, refuse management, wastewater, and water reticulation, treatment and supply. However Federated Farmers is concerned to note that those activities are not fully funded by targeted rates. We can see that some effort is being made with regards to water and wastewater services but in the main WDC seems comfortable using the general rate as a 'top up' subsidizing option rather than committing fully to the beneficiary pays principle. This defeats the purpose somewhat.

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- 49. The impact of the general rate back stop is compounded for rural properties who not only contribute more per property type to the general rate funding pool but are key contributors to the fixed targeted rate funding pool as well.
- 50. It is clear that targeted rates are not being applied appropriately or bringing in enough revenue to support the services. Those who are directly connected or have access are arguably not paying enough or there are inefficiencies somewhere. Targeted rates empower ratepayer sectors to pay for projects of value to them without affecting other ratepayers. In addition, the direct correlation between benefits and costs to a particular sector is more likely to accurately determine the appropriate level of spending on that service.
- 51. If WDC considers that some services include a public good component and warrant wider contribution, then the ratio must be determined. However, our strong opinion is that the ratio must be closer to 90-10, private to public. Over reliance on the general rate reduces important transparency and accountability.
- 52. Federated Farmers considers the projected increases in the general rate over the next few years to be excessive and seeks the below recommendations to reduce reliance on the general rate. That said we support Council's preferred option which is to make any necessary increases earlier rather than later.
- 53. **Recommendation**: That Council reassess the Revenue and Finance policy with increased use of fully funded fixed targeted rates for those services with easily identifiable beneficiaries.
- 54. **Recommendation:** That Council reassess the Revenue and Finance policy with increased use of the UAGC to fund services that benefit all ratepayers equally.
- 55. **Recommendation:** Federated Farmers supports Option 1, with respect to making any necessary general rate increases earlier rather than later, not the proposed extent of the increase.

Should pensioner housing be a council service?

- 56. Federated Farmers has read the CD material on this matter and given the issues identified has drawn the same conclusion as council that selling pensioner housing to a responsible provider seems to provide the best outcomes for both ratepayers and tenants.
- 57. *Recommendation:* Support Option 2: Sell pensioner housing to a responsible service provider

FFNZ submission on the Waikato District Council Long Term Plan 2021-31

Should we continue to offer an inorganic kerbside rubbish collection service?

58. Federated Farmers understands the issues identified with this service. However, we are concerned that pulling it will create more illegal dumping in rural areas. Rural areas are attractive to illegally dump because the isolation, less population density, less cars on the road and no street lighting reduces surveillance opportunities and significantly lowers the chances of getting caught. Because of these factors, increasing litter offence fines or other methods designed to discourage or change poor behaviour are unlikely to act as much of a deterrent.

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- 59. Council states that providing the service is likely to increase substantially over the next three years and yet the proposed rate implications don't reflect that. Pulling the service will only save those who pay the solid waste targeted rate around \$20 a year, which, when considered against the benefit of receiving the service seems immaterial.
- 60. Inorganic collections are very specific in terms of what is accepted at the kerbside, this is one method used to reduce health and safety risks and keep costs contained and is supported. The CD states that the service doesn't align with the Waste Management Minimisation Plan (WMMP) but doesn't provide any explanation as to why. Without knowing why the service contradicts the WMMP it is difficult to determine the merits of the point being made.
- 61. *Recommendation:* Support Option 1: Continue to offer the inorganic kerbside collection service

User fees and charges

- 62. Federated Farmers understands the proposed fees and charges 2021-2024 are being consulted on at this time. We find information relating to fees and charges for stock crossing and stock bypasses to be unclear, confusing, and potentially excessive and seek clarification during this process.
- 63. With reference to the below extract, is the charge a per inspection fee, charged only when an inspection is undertaken or is it an annual fee that is charged regardless of whether there are one or two checks per year?

Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Permanent livestock crossing biannual/annual	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
checks			
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64. With reference to the below extract, it is unclear for what purpose or how often the memorandum charge will be applied. Normally an "encumbrance" is associated with a land title, and records something that is associated with that land like a registered mortgage or covenant.

65. So, an 'encumbrance fee' would appear to be some sort of a charge to cover the costs of there being an encumbrance on the land, as recorded in the associated "memorandum of encumbrance". While the fee might be justified for the initial drawing up and recording of the agreement, it would seem very hard to justify on an on-going basis. We are keen to know whether our assumptions are correct as to what the fee is actually for and want to know how often is it charged? In our opinion it should only be a 'one off' charge but consider that needs to be clearly stated.

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Memorandum of encumbrance for stock			rance for stock	790.00	790.00	790.00
underpass						
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- 66. We also note that charges relating to stock underpasses are found under both the Building Control and Roading sections of the document. In our view it makes more sense to have all fees and charges relating to the same or similar activity included in the same section.
- 67. **Recommendation**: In our view more information should be provided in the fees and charges document to enable users to be more informed as to potential costs associated with an activity.
- 68. **Recommendation**: Confirm that the memorandum of encumbrance for stock underpass is a 'one off' fee, clarify how the permanent stock crossing checks are charged for.
- 69. *Recommendation:* That all fees and charges relating to the same or similar activity are included in the same section of the fees and charges document.

CONCLUSION

Federated Farmers urges Waikato District Council to seriously consider the recommendations in this submission as in our view they identify how the financing polices can be improved for the benefit of rural ratepayers by enhancing principles of fairness and equity.

Federated Farmers thanks the Waikato District Council for considering our submission to the draft Long Term Plan 2021-31. We respectfully request a summary of submissions, and the officer's analysis of those submissions.

Federated Farmers is a not-for-profit primary sector policy and advocacy organisation that represents the majority of farming businesses in New Zealand. Federated Farmers has a long and proud history of representing the interests of New Zealand's farmers.

The Federation aims to add value to its members' farming businesses. Our key strategic outcomes include the need for New Zealand to provide an economic and social environment within which:

• Our members may operate their business in a fair and flexible commercial environment;

• Our members' families and their staff have access to services essential to the needs of the rural community; and

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• Our members adopt responsible management and environmental practices.

Waikato District Council – Draft User Fees and Charges 2021-2024 Submission

Submitter ID: 1832 Name: Alice Tiffany for Go Eco

Organisation:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Do you support the proposed fees and charges?

Please tell us why

What changes would you like to see to the proposed fees and charges?

Any additional comments?

Attachment: Yes



Submission by Go Eco Waikato Environment Centre on the Waikato District Council Long Term Plan 2021

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Go Eco wishes to make an oral submission

Contact: Jo Wrigley Manager manager@goeco.org.nz Our mission is to be a voice for the environment, a centre for learning and a catalyst for change. We provide community education, collaborate with and support environmental groups and projects, provide inspiration for living lighter and advocate on behalf of the environment. We support a regional ecosystem of communities, groups, ideas and projects that bear the fruit of healthy environments and thriving communities.

Go Eco submits the following:

Should we go hard and early or take a cautious approach?

We support a rating system that achieves more equitable outcomes across the community. This is especially important to get right because lower income communities are more at risk to climate-based costs etc.

We support going hard for climate adaptation and the preservation of our indigenous biodiversity and food systems, and we submit further amendments to our current rating system.

We propose that rates also include a contribution to biodiversity/predator control. This would ensure that the imperative work of biodiversity and predator control is funded within standard operational practice and costs, rather than being funded for short-term or one-off projects, which is far less effective - both financially and environmentally.

Biodiversity and greener cities are overwhelmingly good for people, economics and the environment. These benefits apply primarily to landowners, thus it is reasonable to expect biodiversity outcomes are a central part of rate payer contributions.

Should Pensioner Housing be a Council service?

We support option 1: retain pensioner housing.

Waikato District Council is a partner to the Waikato Plan Regional Housing Initiative and Environmental Plan. In our view, Council has a responsibility to lead in the provision of efficient and sustainable homes for WDC communities. We recommend home performance assessments and reporting in order to maintain this council asset.

Should we continue to offer an inorganic kerbside rubbish collection service?

We support the Council's aim to move away from focusing on inorganic kerbside collection, as this will help facilitate a mode shift to zero waste alternatives. With no highly convenient option to dispose of waste, we believe individuals will be more conscious of the waste they produce, and therefore more motivated to produce less waste, re-use more, and make purchases that contribute to a circular economy of use. However, if changes were to occur, we are conscious of the need to provide wrap-around support and education about this change to ensure communities are able to make informed decisions around waste reduction.

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We support community based composting initiatives.

User fees and charges

We support user-pays based pricing systems for waste and rubbish fees, to encourage waste reduction by all. We request that Council be more ambitious in their rubbish and recycling plans, which would better reflect the importance of this issue.

Policy

We support policies and actions that:

- Places taiao at the heart of policy;
- Upholds and affirms Te Tiriti o Waitangi by integrating its Articles and principles throughout all priorities recommended by Council;
- Prioritises equitable outcomes and acknowledges the disproportionate effect of climate change on structurally oppressed communities such as disabled peoples, people of colour, indigenous peoples, lower socio-economic communities and marginalised genders including trans and intersex people;
- Gives governance, decision-making powers, and autonomy to Māori to practise Kaitiakitanga and exercise Tino Rangatiratanga over all their taonga;
- Focus on a just transition through mitigation, adaptation and elimination to the
- climate crisis, by working to repair the historic oppression of frontline and vulnerable communities through the acknowledgement of past and contemporary oppression.

Whaingaroa (Raglan) food waste collection service

The strongest possible food waste service is one that actively encourages a zero waste philosophy. Actively and intentionally supporting zero waste living in communities is the kind of leadership communities expect to see from our councils.

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We support direct engagement and collaboration with Xtreme Zero Waste and Parakore as exemplary models of community based employment and education. Whaingaroa is often held up as an example of community enterprise and initiative that has a much wider impact on healthy environments and thriving communities.

Community Outcomes and Goals

We support a regional ecosystem of communities, groups, ideas and projects that bear the fruit of healthy environments and thriving communities.

Climate change: We recognise that human-induced climate change is a critical issue which is impacting Aotearoa New Zealand, and that these impacts fall disproportionately on those already facing inequality. We recognise the role of Mana Whenua and support Māori to realise kaitiakitanga in their rohe. We support work towards adaptation methods which increase community resilience to climate change and decrease carbon emissions.

Waikato Wellbeing Project: We encourage connection and innovation for the Waikato Wellbeing Project outcomes.

Conservation corridors: We recommend Council endeavour to establish linking native habitat corridors connecting all remnant forest and mountain conservation area. This would ensure native animals can freely migrate between all established native sanctuaries, further supporting their protection and development.

Rates: We propose that rates also include a contribution to biodiversity/predator control. This would ensure that the imperative work of biodiversity and predator control is funded within standard operational practice and costs, rather than being funded for short-term or one-off projects, which is far less effective - both financially and environmentally. Biodiversity and greener towns are overwhelmingly good for people, economics and the environment. These benefits apply primarily to landowners, thus it is reasonable to expect biodiversity outcomes are a central part of rate payer contributions.

Blueprints and Community Projects

We support investment into safe and climate friendly modes of transport. We oppose any slowing of investment of these sorts as this would delay mode shift and therefore delay the emissions reductions the district could achieve.

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Lower income neighbourhoods should be prioritised as these communities are most likely to be experiencing transport poverty due to car dependence and a lack of safe and accessible alternative modes of transport. These neighbourhoods will benefit the most from investment into transport modes other than private cars.

We tautoko Waikato-Tainui's Tai Tumu Tai Pari Tai Ao in regards to transportation infrastructure being developed and managed in a manner that provides for social, cultural, spiritual, economic, and environmental needs.

We refer to 26.2.7 of Tai Tumu, Tai Pari Taiao and remind this council that all transport infrastructure decisions must consider the history of systemic confiscation in the name of Public Works and the impact of infrastructure, such as roading, on water and the environment. Our position is: due to serious issues surrounding climate change, low carbon transport options should be a top priority in district planning processes, moving away from individual car ownership to an efficient, modern and resilient transport system available for all members of the community.

We support district planning that incorporates: safe and accessible walking and cycling options; multi-modal transport; affordable and reliable public transport; and sustainable urban development. This reduces distances needed to travel to work, educational or recreation facilities.

Financial Strategy

We strongly submit that Council divest from fossil fuels to achieve a more environmentally sustainable, prosperous and inclusive Waikato District. A vital part of this is to align your commitments with the Waikato Regional Council Investment Fund and immediately adopt a responsible investment policy that divests our public funds from climate-wrecking coal, oil, and gas companies.

We ask that you:

• Freeze all new investments in companies involved in the extraction, production and manufacturing of coal, oil and gas;

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- Divest all holdings from the fossil fuel industry by 31 December 2022; and
- Update the Council's Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives to include a responsible investment policy that excludes harmful industries including fossil fuels, tobacco, gambling and firearms.

We are currently living in the fossil fuel era, but the science is clear that our dependency on carbon needs to end, and our public institutions like Councils have a critical role to play in this transition. We need to cut off the investments that enable the fossil fuel industry to keep digging. We're already seeing the impacts of climate change in Aotearoa, with more severe droughts, wildfires and floods, and we need to act now to limit further damages in the future.

Council has a fiduciary responsibility to manage our district's funds well and must commit to developing investment practices that are consistent with evolving thinking regarding the significance of environment, social and governance factors within the decision-making process. However, we believe the Council currently has no responsible investment policy to exclude investments in harmful industries such as fossil fuels, tobacco, gambling and firearms.

We urge Council to use its investment funds in constructive ways, investing in projects, organisations and businesses that work to positively contribute to the environment, with the intention to generate measurable, beneficial social and environmental impacts.

It's time for the Council to adopt a responsible investment policy and invest in sustainable industries that will build a healthier future for all of us.

Te Tiriti o Waitangi

Climate justice is Te Tiriti justice.

The second article of Te Tiriti affirms tangata whenua, tino rangatiratanga status over their taonga. Tangata whenua are kaitiaki of the whenua and know how to manage their taonga with the interests of Papatūānuku at heart. This plan doesn't show that commitment to relationships with tangata whenua, with Waikato-Tainui hapū. This Plan should provide an opportunity to reaffirm and strengthen tangata whenua tino rangatiratanga status.

Waikato District Council – Draft User Fees and Charges 2021-2024 Submission

Submitter ID: 1819

Name: Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game

Organisation:

Wish to speak to submission:

Do you support the proposed fees and charges?

Please tell us why

What changes would you like to see to the proposed fees and charges?

Any additional comments?

The specific parts of the application that my submission relates to are;

• Adding a new boat ramp usage pass for single or annual use (see attached for further information)

Attachment: Yes



To: Waikato District Council (WDC).

Submitter: Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game (AWFG).

Feedback on: The Waikato District 2021-2031 Long Term Plan (LTP).

The specific parts of the application that my submission relates to are;

Adding a new boat ramp usage pass for single or annual use

I oppose the applications.

Reasons:

- 1. Auckland Waikato Fish and Game ("AWFG") is an entity established under the Conservation Act (1987): to manage, maintain and enhance the sports fish and game bird habitat resource in the recreational interests of anglers and hunters (s26Q (1)); to assess and monitor the conditions and trend of ecosystems as habitats for sports fish and game (s26Q(1)(a)(iii)); to represent the interests and aspirations of anglers and hunters in the statutory planning process (s26Q(1)(e)(i)); and to advocate the interests of the Council, including its interests in habitats (s26Q(1)(e)(vii)).
- 2. Fish and Game New Zealand actively promotes responsible and ethical hunting and fishing practices. As game bird hunters, we all have the following responsibilities, as detailed in the Game Bird Hunting Code of Practice:
 - Hunt and humanely.
 - Protect game bird resources and our fishing/hunting traditions.
 - Care for the environment.
 - Respect the rights of others.
 - Stop the spread of aquatic pests
- **3.** Fish and Game licences are a permit to sports fishing and hunting in line with the regulations governing the Fish & Game New Zealand region you're fishing and hunting in to include whole season licenses and day licenses.

Statutory managers of freshwater sports fish, gamebirds and their habitats.

Auckland/Waikato Region

156 Brymer Rd, RD 9, Hamilton 3289, New Zealand. Telephone (07) 849 1666 Email: aucklandwaikato@fishandgame.org.nz www.fishandgame.org.nz **4.** AWFG licence holders pay rates within the Waikato Region and many of the Fish and Games licence holders use boat ramps to access sports fishing and game bird hunting areas. Many of which are informal, in remote access locations, and in poor condition.

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5. Though there is reference in the Waikato District LTP 2021-2031 document for intended upgraded boat ramps, there is no guarantee that the use fees will be used specifically for these upgrades and no guarantee that all boat ramps will be included if upgrades were made.

Issue:

- **6.** Without guarantee that use fees will be used to upgrade all boat ramps, many which are informal, in remote access locations and in poor condition, AWFG licence holders will have an extra cost additional to their rates and licence fees.
- 7. The main concern for AWFG is the boat ramp use fees will put an extra burden on AWFG licence holders who either pay for a whole season licence or one day licences. These fees are of a substantial value and any additional cost to licence holders, especially those who have whole season licences and use boat ramps frequently throughout the season will be subsequently pressured by the additional fee which is not guaranteed to provide boat ramp upgrades.

Relief sought:

8. AWFG oppose the new boat ramp usage pass for single or annual use.

May 5th, 2021.

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Clare Robertson Environmental Officer Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game

Waikato District Council – Draft User Fees and Charges 2021-2024 Submission

Submitter ID: 1743

Name: Withheld

Organisation:

Wish to speak to submission:

Do you support the proposed fees and charges?

Please tell us why

What changes would you like to see to the proposed fees and charges?

Any additional comments?

Do not introduce boat ramp fees, these facilities have already been paid for as it will engender good public support and enforcement costs would likely exceed fees recovered.

Attachment: No





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Introduction

This document has been prepared to provide a comprehensive guide to fees and charges for the first three years of the 2021-24 Long Term Plan.

Legislative framework

The Council derives its right to apply fees and charges in general from section 150 and section 12 of the Local Government Act (LGA) 2002. Other Acts which the Council administers, such as the Resource Management Act 1991, the Building Act 2004, the Dog Control Act 1996, the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast Track Consenting Act) 2020 and others, give all Territorial Authorities the right to prescribe fees and charges pertaining to the activity dealt with under that Act. In the following fees and charges schedules the empowering legislation is noted where the right to apply fees and charges is not derived from the LGA 2002.

Any situations for which no fee or charge has been prescribed but which involve costs to the Council, section 252 under the LGA 2002 also gives the Council the right to recover the reasonable costs incurred for works or services provided by the Council.

Schedules

The following should be noted about the fees and charges schedules: In some cases, the fees are defined by the relevant statute and are therefore not open for consultation or to change by the Council. These include:

- · Infringement fees for parking, resource management and dog control offences
- Liquor licensing
- · Amusement devices licensing
- Development contributions

Subdivision consent for additional lots, and any land use consent or permitted activity may include a condition requiring development contributions to ensure adequate and appropriate provision of infrastructure to service those new lots or activity. Contributions relate to roading network access, wastewater and stormwater disposal, rural drainage and water supply. These contributions relate solely to the Council's own infrastructure and not to infrastructure of other service providers who have their own charging regimes. For further information please refer to our Development Contributions Policy.

Sustainable Communities

Customer Services

Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Requests, searches, and enquires			
Printing from internet (black and white per page)	0.40	0.40	0.40
Printing from internet (colour per page)	0.70	0.70	0.70
Electronic communications			
Fax Transaction Fee	3.00	3.00	3.00
Emailing documents	2.00	2.00	2.00
Photocopying			
Black & white – per page	0.40	0.40	0.40
Colour – per page	0.70	0.70	0.70
Photocopy/printing of CV/resume	Up to 5 copies	Up to 5 copies	Up to 5 copies
	free	free	free
Library Services			

Library Services

Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Books			
4 weeks no renewal	Free of charge	Free of charge	Free of charge
Book renewal after 4 weeks (per book)	2.00	2.00	2.00
Reserve/hold fee	2.00	2.00	2.00
Magazines			
General – two weeks	0.50	0.50	0.50
DVDs			
Library New Release	4.00 first week & .50 per day thereafter	4.00 first week & .50 per day thereafter	4.00 first week & .50 per day thereafter
Library New Release Junior	3.00 first week & .50 per day thereafter	3.00 first week & .50 per day thereafter	3.00 first week & .50 per day thereafter
Library Older Release Adult	I.00 first week & .50 per day thereafter	I.00 first week & .50 per day thereafter	I.00 first week & .50 per day thereafter
Library Older Release Junior	1.00 first week & .50 per day thereafter	1.00 first week & .50 per day thereafter	1.00 first week & .50 per day thereafter
Card fees			
Replacement card	3.00	3.00	3.00
Inter-Ioan charge	7.00	7.00	7.00

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Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Withdrawn for sale	(4)	(Ψ)	(4)
Adult Books	3.00 per book or buy 5 and get one for free	3.00 per book or buy 5 and get one for free	3.00 per book or buy 5 and get one for free
Adult Books Bundle	15.00	15.00	15.00
Junior Books	I.50 per book or buy 5 and get one for free	1.50 per book or buy 5 and get one for free	1.50 per book or buy 5 and get one for free
Junior Books Bundle	7.50	7.50	7.50
All DVDs	3.00 per DVD or buy 5 and get one for free	3.00 per DVD or buy 5 and get one for free	3.00 per DVD or buy 5 and get one for free
All DVDs Bundle	15.00	15.00	15.00
Magazines	.50 per magazine or buy 5 and get one for free	.50 per magazine or buy 5 and get one for free	.50 per magazine or buy 5 and get one for free
Magazines Bundle	2.50	2.50	2.50
Special Book Sales (prices may vary per item during special sales periods)	Varied	Varied	varied
Library membership			
District ratepayers & residents	Free of charge	Free of charge	Free of charge
Out-of-district non-residents and non-ratepayers (per year)	80.00	80.00	80.00
Requests, searches & enquires			
Research enquiry (per hour or part thereof) Temporary DVD only membership non-residents Bond (Raglan office only)	70.00 A bond of \$30 is req the return of all item refund will be given in damaged.	s and temporary m	embership card. No
Laminating			
A5	2.00	2.00	2.00
A4	3.00	3.00	3.00
A3	5.00	5.00	5.00
Damaged/lost items			
Major damage	Full replacement cost	Full replacement cost	Full replacement cost
Minor damage	5.00	5.00	5.00
Lost items	Full replacement cost	Full replacement	Full replacement
Library merchandise	Full replacement	Full replacement	Full replacement
library merchandise may be sold at times on a cost recovery basis	cost	cost	cost

Community Facilities: Cemeteries

Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Plot purchase			
All of the Waikato – including maintenance	2607.00	2659.00	2712.00
All of the Waikato's Children's areas including	905.00	923.00	941.00
maintenance			
Ashes			
Plot	387.60	387.60	387.60
RSA plot	Free of charge	Free of charge	Free of charge
Sexton fees			
Interments - Burial	1997.00	2037.00	2078.00
Interments - Ashes	332.00	339.00	346.00
Memorial Permit	10.00	10.00	10.00
Stillborn babies	Free of charge	Free of charge	Free of charge
Other cemetery services			
Disinterment	3355.00	3422.00	3490.00
Reinterment	1607.52	1640.00	1672.00
Breaking concrete	110.00	111.00	112.00
Memorial Permit	10.00	10.00	10.00
Locate Plot	24.00	25.00	26.00

Community Facilities: Halls and Meeting Rooms

Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)		Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
General charges				
Bond	39	90.00	390.00	390.00
Bond - non-profit organisations	10	00.00	100.00	100.00
Penalty for late return of keys – per working day	2	29.00	30.00	30.00
Surcharge for events with alcohol	6	67.00	68.00	69.00
Te Kauwhata Library – community meeting room				
Community groups – per hour		9.00	9.00	9.00
Community groups – per half day (4 hours)	I	14.00	14.00	14.00
Community groups – per day	3	31.00	32.00	33.00
Commercial – per hour	3	30.00	31.00	32.00
Commercial – per half day (4 hours)	3	37.00	38.00	39.00
Commercial – per day	6	68.00	70.00	72.00

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Description	Charge 2021/2022	Charge 2022/2023	Charge 2023/2024
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Huntly Library – community meeting room			
Community groups – per hour	9.00	9.00	9.00
Community groups – per half day (4 hours)	14.00	14.00	14.00
Community groups – per day	31.00	32.00	33.00
Commercial – per hour	30.00	31.00	32.00
Commercial – per half day (4 hours)	37.00	38.00	39.00
Commercial – per day	68.00	70.00	72.00
Huntly Civic Centre			
Full day (8 hours)	135.00	137.00	139.00
Part day (4 hours)	71.00	73.00	75.00
Commercial (8 hours)	326.00	332.00	338.00
Commercial (4 hours)	135.00	137.00	139.00
Not-for-profit (8 hours)	70.00	71.00	72.00
Not-for-profit (4 hours)	38.00	39.00	40.00
Riverside Room Huntly			
Full day (8 hours)	46.00	47.00	48.00
Part day (4 hours)	20.00	21.00	22.00
Commercial (8 hours)	138.00	140.00	142.00
Commercial (4 hours)	106.00	108.00	110.00
Ngaruawahia War Memorial Hall			
Full day (8 hours)	91.00	93.00	95.00
Part day (4 hours)	46.00	47.00	48.00
Commercial (8 hours)	138.00	141.00	144.00
Commercial (4 hours)	113.00	115.00	117.00
Not-for-profit (8 hours)	57.00	58.00	59.00
Not-for-profit (4 hours)	30.00	31.00	32.00
Tuakau War Memorial Hall			
Commercial			
Main hall or supper room (8 hours)	112.00	114.00	116.00
Main hall and supper room (8 hours)	217.00	221.00	225.00
Mezzanine or committee rooms (8 hours)	50.00	51.00	52.00
Mezzanine and committee rooms (8 hours)	96.00	98.00	100.00
Main hall or supper room (day and evening)	217.00	221.00	225.00
Main hall and supper room (day and evening)	434.00	442.00	450.00
Mezzanine or committee rooms (day and evening)	100.00	101.00	102.00
Mezzanine and committee rooms (day and evening)	201.00	205.00	209.00

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Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Non-commercial			
Main hall or supper room (8 hours)	59.00	60.00	61.00
Main hall and supper room (8 hours)	112.00	114.00	116.00
Mezzanine or committee rooms (8 hours)	28.00	29.00	30.00
Mezzanine and committee rooms (8 hours)	50.00	51.00	52.00
Main hall or supper room (day and evening)	12.00	114.00	116.00
Main hall and supper room (day and evening)	217.00	221.00	225.00
Mezzanine or committee rooms (day and evening)	51.00	52.00	53.00
Mezzanine and committee rooms (day and evening)	101.00	103.00	105.00
Charitable			
Main hall or supper room (8 hours)	30.00	31.00	32.00
Main hall and supper room (8 hours)	57.00	58.00	59.00
Mezzanine or committee rooms (8 hours)	16.00	17.00	17.00
Mezzanine and committee rooms (8 hours)	27.00	28.00	28.00
Main hall or supper room (day and evening)	59.00	60.00	60.00
Main hall and supper room (day and evening)	113.00	116.00	119.00
Mezzanine or committee rooms (day and evening)	16.00	17.00	17.00
Mezzanine and committee rooms (day and evening)	27.00	28.00	28.00

Leisure Facilities: Parks

Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Sporting & recreation facilities			
Winter sports (field use)	Free of charge	Free of charge	Free of charge
Summer sports (field use)	Free of charge	Free of charge	Free of charge
Lake Puketirini - Key	100.00 + key bond	100.00 + key bond	100.00 + key bond
Lake Puketirini Key Bond (refundable on return of key)	21.00	21.00	21.00
Lake Kainui - Key	120.00 + key bond	120.00 + key bond	120.00 + key bond
Lake Kainui – Key Bond (refundable on return of key)	21.00	21.00	21.00
Boat ramp usage payment - daily	10.00	10.00	10.00
Boat ramp usage payment - annual	100.00	100.00	100.00

Leisure facilities: Campgrounds

Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Hakanoa Campground			
Tent sites -per person/per night			
Child (0 – 8 years)	8.00	8.00	8.00
Youth (9-16 years)	12.00	12.00	12.00
Adult	15.00	15.00	15.00
Hakanoa Cabins - Per person/per night			
The cottage	35.00		
Dive school bunkhouse (divers only)	15.00 (Divers only)	15.00 (Divers only)	15.00 (Divers only)
Little house	12.00 (Divers only) - \$35.00 overnight stay	12.00 (Divers only) - \$35.00 overnight stay	12.00 (Divers only) - \$35.00 overnight stay
Rooms 3 and 4	12.00 (Divers only) - \$35.00 overnight stay	I 2.00 (Divers only) - \$35.00 overnight stay	12.00 (Divers only) - \$35.00 overnight stay
Hired cabins – per person/per week	130.00	130.00	130.00
Campervan sites powered (short stay)			
Child (0 – 8 years)	13.00	13.00	13.00
Youth (9 - 16 years)	17.00	17.00	17.00
Adult	25.00	25.00	25.00
Campervan sites non-powered (short stay)			
Child (0 – 8 years)	8.00	8.00	8.00
Youth (9 - 16 years)	12.00	12.00	12.00
Adult	20.00	20.00	20.00
Campervan/caravan/bus (long stay)			
Small Unit (per week)	100.00	100.00	100.00
Large Unit (per week)	140.00	140.00	140.00
Bus (per week)	160.00	160.00	160.00

Community Facilities: Events

Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Non-commercial			
No more than 500 people - not for-profit community events, sporting events			
Key bond for reserve	100.00	100.00	100.00
Commercial – low impact event (less than 500 people)			
Per day (including set up/pack down)	250.00	250.00	250.00
Key Bond for Reserve	100.00	100.00	100.00

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Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)	
Commercial – medium impact event (between 500-1000 people)				
Per day (including set up/pack down)	500.00	500.00	500.00	
Key Bond for Reserve	100.00	100.00	100.00	
Reserve bond	500.00	500.00	500.00	
Commercial – high impact event (over 1000 people)				
Per day (including set up/pack down)	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	
Key Bond for Reserve	100.00	100.00	100.00	
Reserve Bond	2000.00	2000.00	2000.00	

Community Facilities: Other

Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Raglan wharf			
Fishing vessels regularly using the port – per annum	1332.00	1500.00	1500.00
Raglan Aerodrome			
Landing fees – casual use per day	12.00	14.00	16.00
Regular use (annual aerodrome landing fee for clubs or similar organisations)	649.00	662.00	675.00
Administration fee (late payments etc.)	23.00	23.00	23.00
Housing for the elderly			
Ngaruawahia – per week	208.00	208.00	208.00
Huntly – per week	208.00	208.00	208.00
Tuakau – per week	208.00	208.00	208.00

Sustainable Environment

Animal Control

All fees are set in accordance with the Dog Control Act 1996. The registration fee is set to recover costs associated with the administration of the dog register, response to service requests from the public, compliance monitoring and enforcement of the relevant provisions of the Dog Control Act 1996, the Waikato District Council Dog Control Bylaw 2007.

The Council's general approach when setting the fees is to presume that all owners are classified as 'approved' unless breaches to the classification are made within a 12-month period. The Waikato District Council classifies dog owners according to criteria detailed on the following pages.

AI Approved owner

The approved owner classification applies to all new dog owners who have not previously owned a dog, or current owners who have not been subject to any of the following offences:

- impounded dog
- registered complaint
- prosecution
- infringement fine
- · non-notification of changes to ownership details
- repeated non-payment of registration fee.

A dog owner moving to the district will be given consideration for the approved owner classification if proven evidence of previous history relating to the above criteria is presented.

Any owner who breaches two or more of the above criteria within a 12-month period will lead to immediate cancellation of the approved owner classification and will be reverted to the general owner classification for a period of two years.

To requalify for the approved owner classification the owner must remain offence-free for two consecutive years.

A2 Selected owner

The selected owner classification applies to a dog owner who lives on a residential, living, country living, rural, rural residential, village or residential 2 (Pokeno) zoned property that is less than 20 hectares and complies with the following conditions:

- currently meets the approved owner classification
- holds a permit where more than two dogs are kept on the premises
- meets the minimum standards for accommodation of dogs (as set out in the Code of Animal Welfare) provides a fully fenced dog-proof section or area of the premises, appropriate for the size of the dog/s kept.

Any breach of these conditions will lead to the immediate cancellation of the selected owner classification.

A3 Farm owner

The farm owner classification applies to a rural dog owner who lives on and farms a property of 20 hectares or more, and who:

- currently meets the approved owner classification
- meets the minimum standards for accommodation of dogs (as set out in the Code of Animal Welfare)
- ensures that all home killing and the disposal and or treatment of offal and trimmings, including the heads of sheep and goats, are carried out in an approved dog-proof enclosure or killing facility
- does not fed or allow the dog/s access to any raw offal or untreated sheep or goat meat

• will undertake voluntarily treatment for hydatids and sheep measles as part the regular dog worming programme with the local veterinarian.

Any breach of these conditions will lead to the immediate cancellation of the farm owner classification.

A4 General owner

A general owner has breached one or more of the offences listed under the approved owner classification and is recognised as follows:

- cannot supply evidence of a dog previously registered or has kept unregistered dog under another local authority
- has had a dog impounded
- has been the subject of a registered complaint
- has been prosecuted for a dog offence
- has received an infringement fine.
- To qualify for approved owner classification the owner must remain offence-free for two consecutive years.

A5 Neutered or spayed dogs

On the provision of written proof from a veterinary surgeon the registration fee for the current year will be waived and a tag provided free of charge for a dog that has been neutered or spayed during the course of the previous year. Subject to the following conditions:

- the dog is not classified as a dangerous dog that has been required to be neutered or spayed under provisions set out in the Dog Control Amendment Act 2003
- written proof is provided by a certified veterinary surgeon who has adequately described the dog involved
- the proof and registration form are presented to the Council on or before 31 July of the current year.

The waiver will apply for one registration year only.

Cat Traps

The Animal Welfare Act 1999 allows for the use of traps such as live catch (cage traps). These traps can be used for the control of feral cats. Cage traps are available for hire from the Councils Animal Control Unit.

A bond of \$100 is required and a refund of \$75 will be issued when the trap is returned within two weeks. If the trap is returned damaged there will be no refund.

Please note responsibility for disposal of feral cats trapped is on the householder leasing the trap. The Council has no facilities to dispose of these cats.

Description	Charge	Charge	Charge
Description	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Payment by 20 July (discounted rate)			
General owner	109.00	109.00	109.00
Approved owner	84.00	84.00	84.00
Farm owner	54.00	54.00	54.00
Selected owner	54.00	54.00	54.00
Registered Disability Assist Dogs as listed in Schedule 5 of the Dog Control Act 1996	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dogs neutered in previous year (special conditions apply)			
Dangerous	193.50	193.50	193.50
Basic registration fee (after 20 July) (full rate)			
General owner	129.00	129.00	129.00
Approved owner	104.00	104.00	104.00
Selected & farm owner	74.00	74.00	74.00
Selected & farm owner	74.00	74.00	74.00
Other charges			
Application for selected owner	20.00	20.00	20.00
Application for permit to keep more than two dogs	65.00	65.00	65.00
Disposal/surrender	50.00	50.00	50.00
Implanting of microchips	25.00	25.00	25.00
Collars & tags			
Small	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	Actual Cost
Medium	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	Actual Cost
Large	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	Actual Cost
Exchange tags	Free of charge	Free of charge	Free of charge
Replacement tags	6.00	6.00	6.00

Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Registration of pups age 3 months	(Ψ)	(Ψ)	(Ψ)
General owner			
July	129.00	129.00	129.00
August	119.00	119.00	119.00
September	108.00	108.00	108.00
October	97.00	97.00	97.00
November	86.00	86.00	86.00
December	76.00	76.00	76.00
January	65.00	65.00	65.00
February	54.00	54.00	54.00
March	43.00	43.00	43.00
April	33.00	33.00	33.00
May	22.00	22.00	22.00
Approved owner			
July	104.00	104.00	104.00
August	96.00	96.00	96.00
September	87.00	87.00	87.00
October	78.00	78.00	78.00
November	70.00	70.00	70.00
December	61.00	61.00	61.00
January	52.00	52.00	52.00
February	44.00	44.00	44.00
March	35.00	35.00	35.00
April	26.00	26.00	26.00
Мау	18.00	18.00	18.00
Selected/farm owner			
July	74.00	74.00	74.00
August	68.00	68.00	68.00
September	62.00	62.00	62.00
October	56.00	56.00	56.00
November	50.00	50.00	50.00
December	44.00	44.00	44.00
January	37.00	37.00	37.00
February	31.00	31.00	31.00
March	25.00	25.00	25.00
April	19.00	19.00	19.00
Мау	13.00	13.00	13.00
Impounding - Dog Control Act 1996, section 68			
First impounding	80.00	80.00	80.00
Second impounding	130.00	130.00	130.00
Third or subsequent impounding	160.00	160.00	160.00
Seizure – additional to impounding fee	100.00	100.00	100.00
Sustenance – per day	22.00	22.00	22.00

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Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Infringement offences - Dog Control Act 1996, section 66			
(GST is not applicable to these fees)			
Wilful obstruction of a dog control officer or	750.00	750.00	750.00
ranger			
Infringement offences - Dog Control Act 1996, section 66			
(GST is not applicable to these fees)			
Failure or refusal to supply information or willfully providing false particulars	750.00	750.00	750.00
Infringement offences - Dog Control Act 1996, section 66			
(GST is not applicable to these fees)			
Failure to supply information or willfully providing false particulars about a dog	750.00	750.00	750.00
Failure to comply with any bylaw authorised by section 20 of the	300.00	300.00	300.00
Dog Control Act Failure to undertake dog owner education programme or dog obedience course (or both)	300.00	300.00	300.00
Failure to comply with obligations of probationary owner	750.00	750.00	750.00
Failure to comply with effects of disqualification	750.00	750.00	750.00
Failure to comply with effects of classification of dog as dangerous dog		300.00	300.00
Fraudulent sale or transfer of dangerous dog	500.00	500.00	500.00
Failure to comply with effects of classification of dog as menacing		300.00	300.00
Failure to advise person of muzzle and leashing requirements	100.00	100.00	100.00
Failure to implant microchip transponder in dog	300.00	300.00	300.00
False statement relating to dog registration	750.00	750.00	750.00
False notifying death of dog	750.00	750.00	750.00
Failure to register dog	300.00	300.00	300.00
Fraudulent procurement or attempt to procure replacement dog registration label or disc	500.00	500.00	500.00
Failure to advise change of dog ownership	100.00	100.00	100.00
Failure to advise change of address	100.00	100.00	100.00
Removal, swapping or counterfeiting of registration label or disc	500.00	500.00	500.00
Failure to keep dog controlled or confined	200.00	200.00	200.00
Failure to keep dog under control	200.00	200.00	200.00
Failure to provide proper care and attention to supply proper and sufficient food, water and shelter and to provide adequate exercise	300.00	300.00	300.00
Failure to carry a leash in public	100.00	100.00	100.00
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Description	Charge 2021/2022	Charge 2022/2023	Charge 2023/2024
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Failure to comply with barking dog abatement notice	200.00	200.00	200.00
Allowing dog known to be dangerous to be at large unmuzzled or unleashed	300.00	300.00	300.00
Failure to advise of muzzle and leasing requirements	100.00	100.00	100.00
Releasing dog from custody	750.00	750.00	750.00

Stock control

Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Trespass - Impounding Act 1955, section 16			
Any paddock or meadow or grass or stubble			
Fee per - horse, mare, gelding, colt, bull, cow, steer, heifer, calf, ass, mule or deer (per animal per day)	2.00	2.00	2.00
Fee per - ram, ewe, wether or lamb (per animal per day)	0.50	0.50	0.50
Fee per - goat, boar, sow or other pig (per animal per day)	5.00	5.00	5.00
Any land having thereon any growing crop or from which the crop has not been removed, or in any cemetery			
Fee per - horse, mare, gelding, colt, bull, cow, steer, heifer, calf, ass, mule or deer (per animal per day)	5.00	5.00	5.00
Fee per - ram, ewe, wether or lamb (per animal per day)	1.00	1.00	1.00
Fee per - goat, boar, sow or other pig (per animal per day)	10.00	10.00	10.00
Stock call outs			
Corporate mileage	corporate mileage	-	corporate mileage
Advertising	Actual cost	Actual cost	Actual cost

Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Other charges - Impounding Act 1955, sections 14 & 15			
Pound fee per animal, per day (stallion, ass, mule or bull over the age of 9 months, mare, gelding, colt, filly or foal, ox, cow, steer, heifer or calf, ram, ewe, wether or lamb, goat, deer, boar, sow or other pig)	100.00	100.00	100.00

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Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Pound fee per Animal Impounded Thereafter the First Animal (stallion, ass, mule or bull over the age of 9 months, mare, gelding, colt, filly or foal, ox, cow, steer, heifer or calf, ram, ewe, wether or lamb, goat, deer, boar, sow or other pig)	30.00	30.00	30.00
Sustenance per animal, per day	14.00	14.00	14.00
Conveyance charge	Actual cost	Actual cost	Actual cost

Building Control

These fees are set in accordance with the Building Act 2004, the Fencing of Swimming Pools Act 1978, the Sale of Liquor Act 1989 and the Amusement Devices Regulations 1978. However, through the course of processing building consents there are some exceptions to this and they are outlined as follows:

- Where external or additional internal expertise is necessary for processing building consents, the charge for those services will be passed onto the applicant
- Structural checking fees when undertaken by Council officers are charged at the Officers' hourly charge out rate
- Fixed charges are payable on application. At the end of processing inspection fees and additional levies may be payable.
- The Council is required to collect fees on behalf of others:
- Building Research Association Levy for every building consent with an estimated value of \$20,000 and over,
 - \$1 per \$1,000 is payable (Note: GST is not applicable to this levy)
- Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment (MBIE Building and Housing Levy) for every building consent with an estimated value of 20,444 and over, \$1.75 per \$1,000 is payable (Note: GST is applicable to this levy)
- Building consents cancelled before the first inspection is conducted will be refunded only that part of the full charge for which processing work has not yet been carried out.

Where inspection fees apply the cost	includes the building inspector's hourly charge out rate, and corp	oorate
mileage.		

Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Project Information Memoranda (PIM) - BuildingAct 2004, sections 219 & 32			
Building work valued up to \$20,000 including structures as listed under building consents (b)(i) and (b)(ii), but excluding items listed under (a), (c) and (j) – all listed in the table below	173.00	177.00	180.00
Building work valued up to and including \$1,000,000	347.00	354.00	361.00
Building work valued over \$1,000,000	428.00	437.00	446.00
Building consents - Building Act 2004, section 219			
Inspection fee per visit in relation to building consent applications (the number of inspections will vary depending on the project)	179.00	182.00	186.00

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Description	Charge	Charge	Charge
	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Solid fuel and solar water heaters – includes one	372.00	380.00	387.00
inspection,	+ \$25.00	+ \$25.00	+ \$25.00
accreditation levy and a final code compliance			
certificate plus an electronic system processing fee	224.00	220.00	222.00
(a) • Minor plumbing and drainage (e.g. ensuites	224.00	229.00	233.00
 Minor plumbing and drainage (e.g. ensuites, septic tanks, other small works involving 	+ 50.00	+ 50.00	+ 50.00
no increase in building area	(electronic system	(electronic	(electronic system
Demolitions	processing iee)	system processing fee)	processing fee)
• Signs			
Insulation			
Swimming pools			
Fencing only of swimming pools			
(a)(i)	388.00	395.00	403.00
• Garages (including resited garages)	+ 105.00	+ 105.00	+ 105.00
Carports	(electronic system	(electronic	(electronic system
Farm buildings/sheds		system processing	processing fee)
Decks		fee)	
Shade cloth structures			
Inspections	179.00	182.00	186.00
(b)(ii) Building work valued up to \$20,000	439.00	447.00	456.00
including temporary or transportable classrooms,	+ 50.00	+ 50.00	+ 50.00
garages converted to habitable rooms, re-piled	(electronic system	(electronic	(electronic system
dwellings, retaining walls		system processing fee)	processing fee)
(c) Erection and removal of marquees for temporary	234.00	239.00	244.00
events	+ 50.00	+ 50.00	+ 50.00
	(electronic system	(electronic	(electronic system
	processing fee)	system processing fee)	processing fee)
(d) Dwelling additions, commercial and public	576.00	588.00	600.00
buildings up to	+ 105.00	+ 105.00	+ 105.00
\$20,000 in value	(electronic system	(electronic	(electronic system
	processing fee)	system processing fee)	processing fee)
(e) All building work of value from \$20,001 up to	1030.00	1051.00	1072.00
\$100,000	+ 155.00	+ 155.00	+ 155.00
	(electronic system	(electronic	(electronic system
	processing fee)	system processing fee)	processing fee)
(f) All building work of value from \$100,001 up to	1581.00	1613.00	1645.00
\$150,000	+ 155.00	+ 155.00	+ 155.00
	(electronic system	(electronic	(electronic system
	processing fee)	system processing	processing fee)
		fee)	
(g) All building work of value from \$150,001 up to	2081.00	2122.00	2165.00
\$500,000	+ 160.00	+ 160.00	+ 160.00
	(electronic system	(electronic	(electronic system
	processing fee)	system processing fee)	processing fee)

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Description	Charge	Charge	Charge
	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
(h) All building work of value from \$500,001 up to	2479.00	2528.00	2579.00
\$1,000,000	+ 160.00	+ 160.00	+ 160.00
	(electronic system	(electronic	(electronic system
	processing fee)	system processing	processing fee)
		fee)	
Building consents - Building Act 2004, section 219			
(i) Buildings over \$1,000,000 in value, add \$120 for	3029.00	3090.00	3152.00
every	+ 160.00	+ 160.00	+ 160.00
\$100,000 over \$1,000,000 plus an electronic system			
processing fee			
(j) Stock underpasses and farm bridges. Includes two	1408.00	1436.00	1464.00
building inspections and engineering input into	+ 50.00	+ 50.00	+ 50.00
checking of plans, technical advice and inspection of			
site before and after installation plus an electronic			
system processing fee Accreditation levy - Building Act 2004,			
sections 215 & 219			
All consents	82.00	83.00	85.00
	82.00	03.00	05.00
Scanning and storage of building consents and documents - Building Act 2004, section 219			
All Consents	61.00	62.00	64.00
Code Compliance Certificates - Building Act			
2004,			
sections 95 & 93(2)(b)			
To issue a final Code Compliance Certificate	175.00	175.00	175.00
(CCC) in respect of a building consent that has			
already been issued and interim Code Compliance			
Certificate			
Application for extension of time to apply for a Code Compliance Certificate	155.00	155.00	155.00
Compliance schedules & building warrant of fitness			
Building Act 2004, sections 100, 108 & 219			
Issue of a new Compliance Schedule	214.00	218.00	223.00
Annual inspection of buildings with specified	214.00	218.00	223.00
systems			
Where a building fails its annual compliance audit, a	214.00	218.00	223.00
re-inspection			
fee will apply at standard inspection rates.			
Amendment to Compliance Schedule	92.00	94.00	96.00
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Annual receipt of building warrant of fitness (where	90.00	90.00	90.00
an inspection did not take place)			

Description	90	Charge	Charge
Description	Charge 2021/2022	2022/2023	Charge 2023/2024
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Resiting	(4)	(φ)	(4)
Resiting report	133.00	135.00	138.00
Officers' hourly charge out rate (outside the district	Building Control -	Building Control -	Building Control -
only)	Officers' hourly charge	Officers' hourly	Officers' hourly charge
	out rate (outside the	charge out rate	out rate (outside the
	district only)	(outside the district only)	district only)
Mileage (outside the district only)	corporate	corporate	corporate
	mileage	mileage	mileage
Application for temporary		0	
accommodation - Building Act 2004,			
section 219			
Available only while an application is building a	255.00	260.00	265.00
dwelling			
A refundable performance bond of \$5,000 is also			
required under the RMA 1991 to ensure that			
occupation of the temporary premises is			
discontinued within the agreed period.			
Application for dispensation and waivers -			
Building Act 2004, section 219			
For dispensation from provisions of the Building Act	179.00	182.00	186.00
2004 or the Fencing of Swimming Pools Act 1987			
(per hour)			
Application for a Building Certificate - Sale			
and Supply			
of Alcohol Act 2012	207.00	202.00	200.00
Inspection of premises for fire safety and access for people with	296.00	302.00	308.00
disabilities			
Certificate of Acceptance - Building Act 2004,			
section 96			
Application fee (includes the cost of one inspection)	602.00	614.00	626.00
These projects are also liable for all fees that would			
have been payable had the owner (or the owner's			
predecessor in title) applied for building consent			
before carrying out the building work.			

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Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Certificate for public use - Building Act 2004,			
section 363A			
To issue a certificate for public use in respect of a building	180.00	185.00	190.00
Inspections to check compliance with conditions of the certificate	179.00	182.00	186.00
Fencing of swimming pools - Fencing of Swimming Pools Act 1987			
First inspection of pool fence to check compliance	92.00	94.00	96.00
Inspection fee for second and subsequent inspections if satisfactory progress is not made (per inspection)	168.00	172.00	175.00
Certificates - Building Act 2004, sections 71, 77, 78(1) & 219			
Section 71 Certificate –	479.00	489.00	499.00
preparation, signing and registration of certificates			
Section 75 Certificate – preparation, signing and registration	530.00	541.00	552.00
Removal of entry under section 78(1) of the Building Act	245.00	250.00	255.00
Amendments			
Processing charge is based on the review Officers'	Officers'	Officers'	Officers'
and administration standard hours rates	hourly charge out rate	hourly charge out rate	hourly charge out rate
Notice to Fix - Building Act 2004, section 164			
To issue and serve	250.00	255.00	260.00
Inspections to check compliance with conditions of Notice to Fix – includes legal advice	179.00	182.00	186.00
Infringement Notices - Building (Infringement Offences, Fees, and Forms) Regulations 2007			
Infringement Notices issued for offences under the Regulations. (Fees vary depending on the offence)	Fees as prescribed in Schedule I of the Regulations	in Schedule I of the	Fees as prescribed in Schedule I of the Regulations
Request for information or service - Building Act 2004, section 219			
Non-routine request for information	Officers' hourly charge out rate		Officers' hourly charge out rate
Record of Title and ordering documents through Land Information New Zealand (LINZ)	50.00	55.00	60.00

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Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Amusement devices - Amusement Devices Regulations 1978: regulation 11 approval to operate			X*7
One device for up to 7 days	11.50	11.50	11.50
Additional device for up to 7 days	2.30	2.30	2.30
Each device for every 7 days	1.15	1.15	1.15
BRANZ Levy MBIE Levy	\$20,000 and over, \$1.00 per \$1,000 is payable for every building consent with an	consent with an estimated value of \$20,000 and over, \$1.00 per \$1,000 is payable for every building consent with an estimated value of 20,444 and over,	\$1.00 per \$1,000 is payable for every building consent with an
Building Consent Exemptions	payable 75.00	is payable 76.00	payable 77.00
Historic Applications	75.00	78.00	//.00
Historic Review	82.00	83.00	85.00
Inspection	179.00	182.00	186.00
Application for works over or adjacent to water assets	177.00	102.00	130.00
Works over application fee	527.00	540.00	554.00
Works over processing fee	362.00	371.00	380.00

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District planning

Application for a private plan change to the district plan

A charge/s for a plan change will be made to recover the Council's actual costs to prepare a private plan change to the district plan including, but not limited to, the following matters:

- · administration costs including notification costs
- research
- technical advice
- preparation of reports to meet the requirements of the Resource Management Act (RMA)
- processing of the plan change in accordance with the First Schedule of the RMA
- · hearing administration and commissioner costs
- legal costs

A deposit is required prior to processing. Any charges above those covered by the deposit will be invoiced periodically.

Other matters

Where the plan change to which the charges relates has any of the following attributes:

- it involves a major change in policy
- it affects a wide geographical area
- it is likely to involve the Council in significant investigation or research

• has any other attribute that is likely to incur significant cost; the deposit may be increased up to a maximum of \$27,000.

Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/23 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
District Plan			
Costs to consider and process a Private Plan Change request where fixed charge is inadequate	Charged on a cost recovery basis	Charged on a cost recovery basis	Charged on a cost recovery basis
Initial deposit to consider and process a Private Plan Change (fixed charge)	11,200.00	11,400.00	11,400.00
Further deposit to consider and process a Private Plan Change (fixed charge)	11,200.00	11,400.00	11,400.00

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Development Agreements

This fee is based on reasonable costs for large scale development, requiring management and coordination of a project team to assess activities. This differs from development contribution agreements.

Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/23 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)	
Cost of entering a development agreement	Any reasonable cost incurred by the Council in the production			
Plus actual and reasonable costs where necessary	of a development agreement will be borne by the de			
	Costs will range and may include engineering advice			
			advice, and drafting fee	

Resource management

Planning and planning information

These fees and charges are set by various sections of the Resource Management Act (RMA) 1991, the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast Track Consenting Act) 2020, sections of the Local Government Act (LGA) 2002 and sections of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. In addition to the listed fee, charge or lodgment fee, all land use consent applications (except those for outline plans) incur a minimum monitoring charge.

Pre-application charges

The lodgment fee for pre application requests covers the provision of a meeting for up to one hour with a Planner and up to two technical experts (as deemed necessary by the Planner). Any additional time spent on your request is charged at an Officers' hourly charge out rate and includes but is not limited to administration, research, writing and distribution of meeting notes, and additional meetings.

Voluntary Conservation Covenants

The Council will meet the actual internal legal costs associated with conservation covenant document preparation where the conservation covenant is entered into on a voluntary basis; such costs will be met by the conservation fund.

Section 36 of the Resource Management Act

The charges (set fees, lodgement fees and hourly rates) set out in this booklet are charges which meet the definition of a 'fixed charge' pursuant to Section 36 of the RMA 1991 and are stated inclusive of GST, at the prevailing rate.

All 'fixed charges' are payable in full in advance. Pursuant to Section 36(7) of the RMA, the Council will not perform the action or commence processing the application to which the charge relates until it has been paid. Documentation or certificates will not be issued until payment of charges have been cleared. Unless stated as a set fee, all fees are lodgement fees and are subject to additional charges below.

Additional charges

Where a lodgement fee is in any case inadequate to enable the Council to recover its actual and reasonable costs in respect of the matter concerned, the Council will require the applicant to pay an additional charge.

Additional charges do not apply to set fees. Where the additional charge is less than \$25 the Council will not require the applicant to pay the additional charge.

Additional charges may also be included in the following circumstances:

• If it is necessary for the services of a consultant to be engaged by the Council (including their attendance at any hearing or meeting) then the consultant's fees will be charged in full to the application as an additional charge

• If any legal fees are incurred by the Council in relation to legal advice obtained for any application, including fees incurred if the Council's solicitor is required to be present at any hearing, these fees will be charged in full to the applicant as an additional charge.

• If any commissioner hearing fees and associated costs are incurred in considering and determining a particular application these fees will be charged in full to the applicant as an additional charge.

Purpose

The purpose of each set fee and lodgement fee and additional charge is to recover the actual and reasonable costs incurred by the Council in receiving and processing applications and in issuing decisions and monitoring performance of consent conditions.

Charge-out rates for Council Officers' and mileage

Council Staff Charge-out rates are set out in this schedule on pages 43-46.

Mileage rates will be charged in accordance with the prevailing Inland revenue Department mileage rates at the time of invoice.

Additional fixed fees

At any time after the receipt of an application and before a decision has been made, the Council may fix a fee pursuant to Section 36(1) of the RMA which is more than the fixed charge set out in this booklet.

In that event:

- The Council may require that no further action will be taken in connection with the application until that
- fixed fee is paid in accordance with Section 36(7) of the RMA; and
- Pursuant to Section 36(3) of the RMA make additional charges.

Legal Documents

Where any legal document requires more than three hours work an extra charge based on the solicitor's hourly charge out rate will be made, over and above the set fee.

Lodgement Fees

Any lodgement fees required under this schedule of fees and charges for any application for a resource consent or requirement for designation or heritage order may be increased up to the stated maximum of \$27,000, where the matter to which the charge relates has any of the following attributes for any other reason the Customer Support General Manager deems appropriate:

- a large development proposal; or the proposal
- is likely to involve significant potential adverse effects on the environment; or
- involves major policy issues; or
- is likely to involve the Council in significant research or investigation; or
- involves the notification of over 35 parties; or
- is a subdivision involving more than 10 lots.

The Consents Manager shall have the right to reduce lodgement fees to the level of expected costs in circumstances where he or she considers this appropriate.

The Consents Manager shall have the right to vary lodgement fees and final charges for heritage order requests if, in his or her opinion, some of the benefits are to the whole community.

Where an application involves both a land use and subdivision consent, and is to be notified, then only one lodgement fee for a notified application may be required.

Refund of charges

Pursuant to Section 36(5) of the RMA, the Council will remit the whole or part of the charges listed in this schedule where the lodgement fee paid is greater than the costs incurred by the Council in processing the application. Any refund due will be paid after the Council has assessed the final costs of processing the application. Where the refund is less than \$25 no refund will be given.

Planning charges

Note: all charges are lodgement fees unless stated	as a set fee.		
Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Pre-Application Advice			
Pre application advice and meeting - note: first hour free for Planning & Technical Staff and then charged actual and reasonable	380.00	390.00	400.00
Planning information research - Duty Planner	First 30 minutes free of charge, then recovery of actual and reasonable costs	then recovery	First 30 minutes free of charge, then recovery of actual and reasonable costs
Applications for land use consent – non- notified applications			
Major	3500.00	3600.00	3700.00
Minor - eg: Dependent person dwellings, development control and performance standards infringements, minor earthworks	1900.00	2000.00	2100.00
Resites include bond preparation and monitoring	1900.00	2000.00	2100.00
Earthworks in the Hauraki Gulf Catchment Area - set fee (Monitoring Fee to be added)	530.00	540.00	550.00
Exemption for Temporary or Marginal Boundary Activities - set fee	530.00	540.00	550.00
Permitted Boundary Activities - set fee	450.00	460.00	470.00
Fast Track Consents as prescribed in Section 87AAC of the RMA	1900.00	2000.00	2100.00
Planning Certificate - Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 - set fee	430.00	440.00	450.00
Section 127-132 – change, cancel or review conditions of consent	1800.00	1900.00	2000.00
Section 125 - Extension of Time	1500.00	1600.00	1700.00
Certificates of compliance and existing use certificates - section 139 & 139A	2300.00	2400.00	2500.00
Applications for subdivision consent – non- notified applications			
I - 4 Lot subdivision & Boundary Adjustments/ Relocation	3,300.00	3,400.00	3,500.00

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5 - 10 Lot Subdivision	5,300.00	5,400.00	5,500.00
> 10 Lots + additional \$ charge per lot over 10	5,300.00 + 110	5,400.00 + 120	5,500.00 + 130
lots	per lot in excess	per lot in excess	per lot in excess
	of 10	of 10	of 10

Description	Charge	Charge	Charge
	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Transferrable Lots/Environmental Lots, Conservation Lots	4,300.00	4,400.00	4,500.00
Section 226 Subdivision - Report and Decision	2,300.00	2,400.00	2,500.00
Section 127 change or cancel conditions of consent	1700.00	1800.00	1900.00
Section 128-132 – review conditions of consent	3500.00	3600.00	3700.00
Section 125 - Extension of Time	1,700.00	1800.00	1900.00
Cross Lease Subdivision Amendment	1800.00	1900.00	2000.00
Easement approvals - LGA Section 348 - decision and report	1300.00	1400.00	1500.00
Revocation of easements - report and decision only - Section 243	1000.00	1100.00	1200.00
Change or cancel consent notice Section 221 report and decision only	1,800.00	1900.00	2000.00
Cancellation of amalgamation conditions - section 241 report and decision only where a full subdivision consent is not required	1000.00	1100.00	1200.00
requirements for designation and heritage orders - Resource Management Act 1991 unless otherwise stated			
Requirements for designation	4,300.00	4,400.00	4,500.00
Requirements for alteration to a designation - Section 181 (2)	4,300.00	4,400.00	4,500.00
Requirements for alteration to a designation - Section 181 (3)	1,900.00	2,000.00	2,100.00
Requirements for removal of a designation - Section 182	1,900.00	2,000.00	2,100.00
Applications to determine that a designation should not lapse – sections $184(1)(b) \& 2(b)$	1,900.00	2,000.00	2,100.00
Requirements for heritage orders	1,900.00	2,000.00	2,100.00
Requirements for the removal of heritage orders	1,900.00	2000.00	2100.00
Outline plans – section 176A	1900.00	2000.00	2100.00
Request to Waiver of requirement for outline plan - section 176A (2)	500.00	510.00	520.00
Limited Notified and Full Notified Application for Subdivision, Landuse Consent, Designations and Heritage Orders			
Limited Notification includes I day hearing	8800.00	8900.00	9000.00
Notification includes I day Hearing	10,800.00	10,900.00	11,000.00



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Description	Charge 2021/2022	Charge 2022/2023	Charge 2023/2024
Prehearing Meetings	(\$) Actual and	(\$) Actual and	(\$) Actual and
rienearing rieetings	reasonable costs	reasonable costs	
Hearing fees will generally be charged at an actual hourly charge out rate and fall under the following criteria:			
For the hearing of any application made under the RMA a charge will be made for the costs of planning staff, technical advisors, solicitors, secretariat and administration.	Actual and reasonable costs	Actual and reasonable costs	Actual and reasonable costs
Hearing by external commissioners	Actual costs to hear and application – to be charged to the applicant	Actual costs to hear and application – to be charged to the applicant	Actual costs to hear and application – to be charged to the applicant
Hearings by Councillors Where applicants do not give at least 48 hours written notice of a request for cancellation, withdrawal or postponement of a schedule hearing	Fee for each Councillor, including time spent on site visits (as measured from the hearing venue) and set by the Remuneration Authority The Council reserves the right to charge the applicant the actual costs incurred in preparing for the scheduled hearing	Fee for each Councillor, including time spent on site visits (as measured from the hearing venue) and set by the Remuneration Authority The Council	Fee for each Councillor, including time spent on site visits (as measured from the hearing venue) and set by the Remuneration Authority The Council reserves the right to charge the applicant the actual costs incurred in preparing for the scheduled hearing
Actions related to Engineering Approvals, 223, 224 and Compliance of Conditions on Subdivision Post Subdivision Start-up Meeting and Proconstruction of infrastructure site meeting	Actual costs	Actual costs	Actual costs
Preconstruction of infrastructure site meeting	+ corporate	+ corporate	+ corporate
Section 223 Certificate Survey Plan approval - 1 - 4 Lots - set fee	mileage 380.00	mileage 390.00	mileage 400.00
Section 223 Certificate Survey Plan approval 5 - 10 Lots - set fee	430.00	440.00	450.00

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Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Section 223 Certificate Survey Plan approval > 10 Lots - set fee plus additional charge per lot over 10 lots	630.00 + \$12 per lot over 10 lots	640.00 + \$14 per lot over 10 lots	650.00 + \$16 per lot over 10 lots
Engineering plan approvals	800.00 + Actual costs + corporate mileage	900.00 + Actual costs + corporate mileage	I,000.00 + Actual costs + corporate mileage
Clearance Checks of conditions in preparation for Section 224 Certificate	Actual costs + corporate mileage	Actual costs + corporate mileage	Actual costs + corporate mileage
Section 348 (LGA) certificate, 224(f) Certificate and Processing transferrable lots	Actual costs + corporate mileage	Actual costs + corporate mileage	Actual costs + corporate mileage
Section 224 - LOL Certificate Approval - set fee	350.00	360.00	370.00
Resign of Section 223 or 224 Certificate - set fee	350.00	360.00	370.00
Fees for the creation of all new property files for each lot created during subdivision - to be paid at Clearance stage (set fee)	90.00	95.00	100.00

Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Update new lots with Hazards – per lot to be paid at Clearance stage – SET FEE	175.00	180.00	185.00
241 and 243 RMA Certificates, Unit Title Certificates	480.00	490.00	500.00
Assign and supply RAPID property number at subdivision (per plate) - to be paid at clearance stage	65.00	70.00	75.00
Supply replacement RAPID property number plate	35.00	37.00	39.00
Assign Urban property number at subdivision (per number) - to be paid at clearance stage	20.00	25.00	30.00
Assign Urban/RAPID property number outside of Subdivision	Free of charge	Free of charge	Free of charge
Development Contribution assessment and administration – Local Government Act 2002			
Actual and reasonable costs for objections to Development Contributions will be payable in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002			
Establishment of DC Development Agreement	Actual and reasonable cost of administration and legal staff time	Actual and reasonable cost of administration and legal staff time	Actual and reasonable cost of administration and legal staff time

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Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Objections to Development Contributions (actual costs for commissioner/s Council staff and other support) (deposit)	520.00	520.00	520.00
All development contributions, legal fees, clearance costs and outstanding consent fees are required to be paid prior to the release of the 224 certificate.			
Legal fees related to all types of subdivision and landuse consents - Resource Management Act unless otherwise stated			
Sections 108 & 109 - Preparation and signing of any bond, covenant, legal document, encumbrance instrument or variation thereto required as a condition of consent to enable the issue of a completion certificate (set fee)	890.00	890.00	890.00
Variation of bond, covenant or consent notice (set fee)	600.00	600.00	600.00
Partial bond refunds - administration fee per site inspection - Note: partial refunds for bonds will be deducted from the bond amount	Admin Officers' hourly charge out rate	Admin Officers' hourly charge out rate	Admin Officers' hourly charge out rate
Partial bond refunds – site inspections associated with partial refunds per site inspection	Admin Officers' hourly charge out rate	Admin Officers' hourly charge out rate	Admin Officers' hourly charge out rate
Preparation of consent notice (set fee)	750.00	750.00	750.00
Preparation of minor covenants or any variations thereto (set fee)	580.00	580.00	580.00
Discharge of bond, encumbrance instrument, cancellation of consent notice or covenant - partial or full (set fee)	400.00	400.00	400.00
Surrender of consent – legal fee (set fee)	400.00	400.00	400.00
Miscellaneous legal services e.g. any certificates or other legal document prepared by the Council's legal section	Hourly charge out rate + mileage & actual cost of disbursements	Hourly charge out rate + mileage & actual cost of disbursements	rate + mileage & actual cost of
Actions related to all types of subdivision and land use - Resource Management Act 1991 unless otherwise stated			
Objections requested to be considered by an Independent Hearings Commissioner - Actual Costs incurred by engaging a Commissioner	2,800.00	2,900.00	3,000.00
The Council's policy determines that it may decide on a case-by-case basis to refund any fee deposit paid if the Council upholds the objection in its entirety.			
lwi consult charge (set fee)	60.00	65.00	70.00
Record of Title and ordering documents through Land Information New Zealand (LINZ)	50.00	55.00	60.00

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Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Preparation of any document or certificate for the purposes of Overseas Investment Office or for any such enactments or regulations (set fee)	600.00	600.00	600.00
Every other certificate authority, approval, consent, report or service given, or inspection made by the Council under any enactment or regulation not otherwise mentioned elsewhere in this schedule where such enactment contains no provision authorising the Council to charge a fee and does not provide that the certificate, authority, approval, consent, report or service or inspection is to be given or made free of charge.	Officers' hourly charge out rate + corporate mileage	Officers' hourly charge out rate + corporate mileage	Officers' hourly charge out rate + corporate mileage
The applicant will reimburse any fees paid by the Council to commissioners, consultants, advisers, solicitors and other creditors related to any other matter connected with resource consent or certificate application Administration fee for the processing of non-	Officers' hourly charge out rate + corporate mileage Officers' hourly	Officers' hourly charge out rate + corporate mileage Officers' hourly	Officers' hourly charge out rate + corporate mileage Officers' hourly
payment	charge out rate + corporate mileage	charge out rate + corporate mileage	charge out rate + corporate mileage
Actions relating to the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast Track Consenting Act) 2020			
Fast Track Consenting Processes lodged with the Environmental Protection Authority	Recovery of actual and reasonable costs	Recovery of actual and reasonable costs	Recovery of actual and reasonable costs

Property information requests

Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Information and requests			
General Photocopying	Actual Costs	Actual Costs	Actual Costs
Scanning and providing disks	Actual Costs	Actual Costs	Actual Costs
Drainage plans	34.00	36.00	38.00
Building consents	34.00	36.00	38.00
Microfiche	34.00	36.00	38.00
Resource Consents	34.00	36.00	38.00
Any person wishing to view information on any files held by the Council will be charged at the Officers' hourly charge out rate for each half hour or thereafter. If a staff member is required to assist in your request there will be a charge per half hour at the Officers' hourly rate.	Officers' hourly charge out rate	Officers' hourly charge out rate	Officers' hourly charge out rate

Land Information Memoranda

Land Information Memoranda (LIM) requests for the supply of information in writing about a property including plan and resource consent details service details, requisitions and rates and any other matters within Council records.

Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
LIM Services			
Urban/New Residential	285.00	290.00	295.00
Rural/Coastal/Pa Zone/Country Living	405.00	410.00	415.00
Commercial/industrial - Note: Includes Commercial/Industrial Buildings in the Urban/Rural Zone	575.00	580.00	585.00
Urgent LIM Services Note: Council is unable to provide Urgent LIM'S for Commercial and Industrial Properties			
Within 5 working days	130.00	135.00	140.00
Urban/New Residential	285.00 + 130.00 Urgent Fee	290.00 + 135.00 Urgent Fee	295.00 + 140.00 Urgent Fee
Rural/Coastal/Pa Zone/Country Living	405.00 + 130.00 Urgent Fee	410.00 + 135.00 Urgent Fee	415.00 + 140.00 Urgent Fee
Courier Fee	8.00	8.50	9.00
Record of Title and ordering documents through Land Information New Zealand (LINZ)	50.00	55.00	60.00

Environmental health & alcohol licensing

Environmental health

Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Food businesses operating under the Food Act 2014			
Application for registration of Food Control Plan (Section 56, Food Act 2014). Includes assessment of the food business, mentoring, processing the application and issuing registration.	380.00	390.00	400.00
Renewal of registration of Food Control Plan in accordance with Part 2 of Schedule 4 of the Act before the expiry of the current registration	165.00	170.00	175.00
Processing an application for a significant amendment to a Food Control Plan under section 45 of the Act	215.00	220.00	230.00
Processing notification of a significant change in circumstances to a Food Control Plan under section 51 of the Act	165.00	170.00	175.00
Processing mandatory suspension of a Food Control Plan under section 62 of the Act	165.00	170.00	175.00
Processing voluntary suspension of a Food Control Plan	165.00	170.00	175.00

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under section 64 of the Act			
Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Application for registration of a National Programme (Section 86, Food Act 2014)	278.00	286.00	295.00
Renewal of registration of National Programme in accordance with Part 2 of Schedule 4 of the Act before the expiry of the current registration	165.00	170.00	175.00
Processing notification of a significant change in circumstances to a National Programme under section 81 of the Act	165.00	170.00	175.00
Processing mandatory suspension of a National Programme under section 90 of the Act	165.00	170.00	175.00
Processing voluntary suspension of a National Programme under section 92 of the Act	165.00	170.00	175.00
Adding additional food business to a current registration	46.00	47.00	48.00
All activities associated with verification of food control plans or national programmes – covers all activities associated with verification of food control plans or national programmes, including administration, preparation, on site verification, travel and report preparation. Applies to scheduled and unscheduled verifications. A base rate will apply and any time over 3.5 hours required will be charged on a ¹ / ₄ hourly basis of this fee	606.90	619.04	631.42
Termination of verification due to failure of the operator to facilitate the verification	113.00	117.00	120.00
Monitoring and compliance activities under the Food Act 2014 including exercising any power referenced by and for the purposes expressed in Section 298 of the Act (except for Sections 302 and 303) where a sanction has been imposed by the Food Safety Officer and/or where some form of corrective action is required by the operator – at the following hourly rate.	173.40	176.90	I 80.40
Issue of Improvement Notice in accordance with Section 302 of the Act, including development of the notice - per notice plus hourly charge spent developing and issuing the notice after the first hour	173.40	176.90	180.40
Processing application for review of issue of improvement notice under section 303 of the Act - per application plus per hour spent processing the application after the first hour	173.40	176.90	180.40
Processing application for review of decision under section 355 of the Act	260.00	260.00	260.00

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Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Registration of Hairdressers (Health (Hairdressers) Regulations 1980)			
Initial registration - covers costs consultation and advice, administrative costs of setting up the premises in the database and a pre-registration inspection	278.00	286.00	295.00
Renewal of registration - covers the cost of annual inspection of the premises	185.00	191.00	197.00
Registration of Camping Grounds (Health (Camping Grounds) Regulations 1985)			
Initial registration - covers costs consultation and advice, administrative costs of setting p the premises in the database and a pre-registration inspection	310.00	320.00	330.00
Renewal of registration - covers the cost of annual inspection of the premises	215.00	221.00	228.00
Registration of Offensive Trades/Stock Saleyards (Health Act 1956)			
Initial registration - covers costs consultation and advice, administrative costs of setting up the premises in the database and a pre-registration inspection	278.00	286.00	295.00
Renewal of registration - covers the cost of annual inspection of the premises	215.00	221.00	228.00
Registration of funeral directors			
Premises with mortuary – initial registration covers consultation and advice, administrative costs of setting up the premises in the database and a pre-registration inspection.	278.00	286.00	295.00
Renewal of registration – covers the cost of annual inspection of the premises	185.00	191.00	197.00
Premises with no mortuary – initial registration	95.00	98.00	101.00
Renewal of registration – covers the cost of maintaining a register of funeral directors in accordance with the Health (Burial) Regulations 1946	95.00	98.00	101.00
Noting of certificates - (Health (Registration of Premises) Regulations 1966)			
Covers the cost of altering the details in the database and on the certificate of registration after any change in the occupation of premises.	95.00	98.00	101.00
Additional inspections			
Premises which, during an inspection are found not to comply and receive written notice of work which is required to be completed within a given timeframe will be reinspected. If the required works have not been completed a further notice may be issued and an additional inspection fee charged.	301.00	307.00	313.00

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Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Trading in public places			
Covers the cost of regulating where and under what conditions persons wishing to trade in public places may operate within the district. Operators selling articles of food for human consumption (other than fruit and vegetables grown on own property) shall also be required to be registered pursuant to the Food Act 2014.The Council will accept the current health registration of another local authority.	115.00	118.00	122.00
Gaming Machines and TAB Board Venues			
Gambling Venues Policy applications incur a minimum non-refundable deposit. Further charges may be charged should a hearing be required.	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Applications for TAB Board Venue Consent under Council's Gambling Venues Policy incur a minimum non- refundable deposit. Further charges may be charged should a hearing be required	900.00	900.00	900.00
Excessive noise			
This covers the costs incurred in seizing, impounding, transporting and storing property seized under sections 323 or 328 of the RMA 1991.	285.00	284.00	303.00

Alcohol licensing

The Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Fees) Regulations 2013 prescribe the fees payable for applications and services under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. The regulations provide for application and annual fees for on, off and club licences and define a fees framework for determining the fees categories for premises using a defined cost/risk rating system. The regulations provide for Council to make a bylaw to set its own fees payable within the framework specified and therefore the specified fees are subject to change should the Council determine to make a bylaw. An amount is paid to the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority (ARLA) from the fees for on, off, club licences and managers' certificates.

Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Alcohol Licence Fees (Inclusive of GST)			
Fee Category Premises			
Very Low			
Total	368.00	368.00	368.00
Waikato District Council	350.75	350.75	350.75
ARLA	17.25	17.25	17.25
Low			
Total	609.50	609.50	609.50
Waikato District Council	575.00	575.00	575.00
ARLA	34.50	34.50	34.50

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Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Medium			
Total	816.50	816.50	816.50
Waikato District Council	764.75	764.75	764.75
ARLA	51.75	51.75	51.75
High			
Total	1,023.50	1,023.50	1,023.50
Waikato District Council	937.25	937.25	937.25
ARLA	86.25	86.25	86.25
Very High			
Total	1,437.50	1,437.50	1,437.50
Waikato District Council	1,265.00	1,265.00	1,265.00
ARLA	172.50	172.50	172.50
Special licence			
Class I - Waikato District Council	575.00	575.00	575.00
Class 2 - Waikato District Council	207.00	207.00	207.00
Class 3 - Waikato District Council	63.25	63.25	63.25
Manager's certificate/ renewal			
Total	316.25	316.25	316.25
Waikato District Council	287.5	287.5	287.50
ARLA	28.75	28.75	28.75
Other Liquor charges			
Temporary Authority -Waikato District Council	296.70	296.70	296.70
Temporary Licence - Waikato District Council	296.70	296.70	296.70
Permanent Club Charter - Waikato District Council	632.50	632.50	632.50
Extract from Register - Waikato District Council	57.50	57.50	57.50
Note: above number of charges for licences each year is for the Application Fee. Below are the number of charges for the Annual Fee			
Fee Category Premises			
Very Low			
Total	161.00	161.00	161.00
Waikato District Council	143.75	143.75	143.75
ARLA	17.25	17.25	17.25
Low			
Total	391.00	391.00	391.00
Waikato District Council	356.50	356.50	356.50
ARLA	34.50	34.50	34.50
Medium			
Total	632.50	632.50	632.50
Waikato District Council	580.75	580.75	580.75
ARLA	51.75	51.75	51.75
High			
Total	1,035.00	1,035.00	1,035.00
Waikato District Council	948.75	948.75	948.75
ARLA	86.25	86.25	86.25

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Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Very High			
Total	I,437.50	1,437.50	1,437.50
Waikato District Council	I,265.00	1,265.00	1,265.00
ARLA	172.50	172.50	172.50
Hazardous Activities and Industry List (HAIL)			
These supply specific information in determining if a potentially contaminating activity has occurred on a property	145.00	148.00	152.00
Costs associated with the placement of a public notice notifying of an application for a new alcohol licence.	87.00	90.00	93.00

Monitoring and enforcement

There will be a charge for every land use consent relating to the monitoring and associated administration costs of the consent.

Resource monitoring

Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Monitoring and enforcement			(4)
There will be a charge for every land use consent relating to the monitoring and associated administration costs of the consent			
Monitoring requests			
Yard encroachments and minor consents – to monitor progress with giving effect to the consent and	350.00	350.00	350.00
compliance with consent conditions. For new consents this is payable at issue of consent.			
All other consents – to monitor progress with giving effect to the consent and compliance with consent conditions. For new consents this is payable at issue of consent	850.00	850.00	850.00
Cost per additional site inspection required due	Officers' hourly	Officers' hourly	Officers' hourly
to on-going site compliance with conditions (e.g.	charge out rate	charge out rate	charge out rate
required work not done) or where other costs	+ corporate	+ corporate	+ corporate
are required to monitor any consent.	mileage	mileage	mileage
Designations or Heritage orders			
The requiring authority or heritage protection authority shall pay costs incurred by the Council in monitoring the conditions of notices of requirement. RMA 1991: section 36(1)(d)	Actual and reasonable costs based on Officers' hourly charge out rate + corporate mileage	Actual and reasonable costs based on Officers' hourly charge out rate + corporate mileage	Actual and reasonable costs based on Officers' hourly charge out rate + corporate mileage

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Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Infringement fees - Resource Management (Infringement Offences) Regulations 1999 and the Litter Act 1979, section 13 GST is not applicable to these fees			
Contravention of section 9 – restrictions on the use of land section 338(1)(a) GST is not applicable to these fees	300.00	300.00	300.00
Contravention of an abatement notice – not under section 322(1)(c) and section 338(1)(c)	750.00	750.00	750.00
Failure to supply information to an enforcement officer - s.338(2)(c)	300.00	300.00	300.00
Administration fee for the administration of any non- payment (GST applicable)	Actual and reasonable costs	Actual and reasonable costs	Actual and reasonable costs
Depositing litter in or on any public place or private land without the consent of the occupier; or having deposited any litter there.	400.00	400.00	400.00
Monitoring			
The cost of staff time and expense associated with investigation, remediation (if necessary) and complaints can be recovered for significant non- compliance	Actual and reasonable costs based on Officers' hourly charge out	Actual and reasonable costs based on Officers' hourly	Actual and reasonable costs based on Officers' hourly
with the District Plan or for repeat offending where environmental impacts are considered to be more than minor.	rate + corporate mileage	charge out rate + corporate mileage	charge out rate + corporate mileage

Parking

Council staff can issue infringement notices for breaches of the Transport (Vehicle and Driver Registration and Licensing) Act 1986, the Land Transport Act 1998, the Transport Act 1962, the Traffic Regulations 1976, the Land Transport (Offences and Penalties) Regulations 1999, the Road Users Rules 2004 and the Tyres and Wheels Rules including unlicensed and unwarranted vehicles. Infringement fees for such breaches are those set out in the relevant legislation.

Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Parking infringement fees - second schedule of the Transport Act 1962			
Excess parking GST is not applicable to these fees			
For parking on a road in breach of the provisions of the Waikato District Council Parking,Traffic Control and Public Places Bylaw 2007, and the former Franklin District Council Traffic Control 2006, in excess of a period of time fixed by the bylaw or otherwise where the excess is:			
Up to 30 minutes	12.00	12.00	12.00
Over 30 minutes but no more than I hour	15.00	15.00	15.00
Over I hour but no more than 2 hours	21.00	21.00	21.00
Over 2 hours but no more than 4 hours	30.00	30.00	30.00

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Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Over 4 hours but no more than 6 hours	42.00	42.00	42.00
Over 6 hours	57.00	57.00	57.00
Other parking offences GST is not applicable to these fees			
Parking on a flush median	40.00	40.00	40.00
Failed to Display a permit	40.00	40.00	40.00
No evidence of current vehicle inspection - private vehicle	200.00	200.00	200.00
Operated a unlicenced motor vehicle - parked vehicle	200.00	200.00	200.00
Inconsiderate parking	60.00	60.00	60.00
Parking in a reserved mobility space	150.00	150.00	150.00
Any other parking offence in breach of the Council's Parking Traffic Control and Public Places Bylaw 2007 and the FDC Traffic Control 2006	40.00	40.00	40.00
Other breaches (other than parking breaches) of the Council's Parking Traffic Control and Public Places Bylaw 2007 and the (former) Franklin District Council's Traffic Control Bylaw 2006	35.00	35.00	35.00
Parking charges			
General parking	Free of charge	Free of charge	Free of charge
Parking permit for designated spaces	380.00	380.00	380.00
Towage fees - Transport (Tow Fees) Notice 2004 Towage of more than 10km from other urban areas may incur an extra charge.			
Vehicle 3,500kg or less (gross) – 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday (except public holidays)	65.00	65.00	65.00
Other times	85.00	85.00	85.00
Vehicle more than 3,500kg (gross) – 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday (except public holidays)	145.00	145.00	145.00
Other times	215.00	215.00	215.00

Service Delivery

Roading

Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Road Safety			
Application to erect a bus shelter on a road reserve	Free of charge	Free of charge	Free of charge
Livestock crossing, moving or droving permit application	Free of charge	Free of charge	Free of charge
Permanent livestock crossing 1st application	250.00	250.00	250.00

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Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Permanent livestock crossing biannual/annual checks	150.00	150.00	150.00
Overweight permit - valid up to 24 months (includes shorter duration permits)	125.00	125.00	125.00
Monitoring & inspection			
New stock crossing - Installation of posts, signs & cones	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
Stock crossings - dealing with non-compliance of stock crossing permit conditions (set fee per visit)	150.00	150.00	150.00
Memorandum of encumbrance for stock underpass	790.00	790.00	790.00
Two-yearly structural inspection of stock underpass	176.00	176.00	176.00
Corridor Maintenance			
Corridor Access Request (CAR) - includes first inspection			
Minor Works	235.00	235.00	235.00
Projects	380.00	380.00	380.00
Events	See road closure section below	See road closure section below	See road closure section below
Second and subsequent inspections	192.00	192.00	192.00
Penalty for non-notification	854.00	854.00	854.00
Vehicle entranceways			
Application - includes inspection plus mileage cost	300.00	300.00	300.00
Network development and maintenance			
Temporary road closure permit application			
Road closures for motor sports events.	250.00	250.00	250.00
Road closures for sport and other non- community events	125.00	125.00	125.00
Road closures for community events	Free of charge	Free of charge	Free of charge
Street/footpath damage	Actual cost	Actual cost	Actual cost
Road Names			
Road Naming Process Single site includes sign	500.00	500.00	500.00
Road Naming Process for ROW or PVT road Single site includes sign	500.00	500.00	500.00
Road Naming up to 5 streets	800.00	800.00	800.00
Road Naming 5 streets and over	1200.00	1200.00	1200.00
Motor rallies			
Bond - sealed roads (per road - maximum 10,000)	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Bond - unsealed roads (per km - maximum 45,000)	5000.00	5000.00	5000.00
Repair to road and structures	Actual cost	Actual cost	Actual cost



112			
Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Unformed (paper) roads			
Requests to initiate road stopping process. All costs including purchase of land at market value to be met by the applicant. A non-refundable deposit is required to initiate the process.	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Temporary fences on formed roads			
Application	Actual cost	Actual cost	Actual cost
First inspection	Actual cost	Actual cost	Actual cost
More than one inspection	182.00	182.00	182.00
Road reserve			
Utility installation	\$1000 minimum - As	\$1000 minimum -	\$1000 minimum -
	negotiated	As negotiated	As negotiated
Waste minimisation and refuse			

Waste minimisation and refuse

Description	Charge	Charge	Charge
	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
_	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Recycling bins and crates			
Tuakau wheelie bin replacement	55.00	55.00	55.00
Tuakau wheelie bin delivery	15.00	15.00	15.00
Replacement/additional recycling crates	20.00	22.00	22.00
Refuse prepaid stickers and tags			
Wheelie bin tag	3.00	3.00	3.00
Bag sticker	1.50	1.50	1.50
Roll of 100 wheelie bin tags	287.50	287.50	287.50
Roll of 200 bag stickers	287.50	287.50	287.50
Interim charge Any property that receives a refuse or recycling service will be required to pay a charge to reflect actual period of use.			
July	207.00	210.00	213.00
August	188.00	191.00	194.00
September	169.00	172.00	174.00
October	151.00	153.00	155.00
November	132.00	134.00	135.00
December	113.00	114.00	116.00
January	94.00	95.00	97.00
February	75.00	76.00	77.00
March	56.00	57.00	58.00
April	38.00	38.00	39.00
May	19.00	19.00	19.00

Water supply

Reticulation

Connection fees

A connection fee applies to all water supply schemes where work is required to connect the property to a Council service. All connections must be installed in accordance with the Regional Infrastructure Technical Specification.

The term 'at cost' means the property owner or developer is liable for the total cost of constructing the connection to the Council main and is also responsible for the physical work in providing the connection.

All connections must be referred to the Council-for approval to connect. Non-standard type connections such as industrial and commercial should be referred to the Council for an estimate of cost. All fees are for standard residential urban or rural water supply connections as detailed in the Regional Infrastructure Technical Specification.

A backflow preventer is mandatory for all new connections and is included in the cost of the connection. Non-standard and commercial connections are charged at cost.

Additional independent dwelling units may require separate water connections, and appropriate connection costs and development contributions will be incurred. For more detail refer to the Council's Development Contributions Policy.

Disconnection fees

When a house is demolished or removed from a site, Council staff are required to disconnect the water supply at the Council watermain. The costs of disconnection and final water meter reading, if required, will be charged.

Rural consumers may at any time wish to disconnect from a reticulated water scheme. A fee is charged to recover the costs of disconnecting the supply and physically removing the connection. The ownership of removed materials remains with the Council. Normal connection fees will apply should the property owner wish to reconnect to the water supply scheme later.

Final water meter reading

A property owner or agent can request a final meter reading to be carried out, the Council will charge a one-off fee for this request. A minimum of 10 working days' notice is required when making the request.

Water drawn from fire hydrants

Currently registered tanker water suppliers are permitted to draw water from the Council fire hydrant or water tanker filling station, on payment of an annual fee and registration completed with Council for hydrant use or in the case of the tanker filling station registration with Watercare. These suppliers will be charged on the amount of water drawn from the hydrant. Only Waikato District council branded blue-coloured metered hydrant standpipes should be used to draw water from hydrants. In Pokeno and Tuakau, water can only be drawn from the water tanker filling station and the use of standpipes and hydrant is prohibited in these areas.

Description	Charge	Charge	Charge
	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Water connection & disconnection			
20mm urban residential/rural metered	\$1,601.05	\$1,641.08	\$1,682.10
20mm urban residential/rural metered State	\$2,881.28	\$2,953.31	\$3,027.14
Highways			
Above 20mm and commercial (in all areas all costs	At owner cost	At owner cost	At owner cost
are borne by the property owner and water			
systems are installed by the property owner's			
contractors to the Councils standards)	# 2 (7 22	0050.00	* 250.52
Disconnection from water supply – rural reticulated schemes only	\$247.03	\$253.20	\$259.53
Disconnection from water supply upon removal or	\$155.80	\$159.70	\$163.69
demolition of a building			
Backflow Preventor Testing			
Testing Backflow Preventor 20 MM	\$74.80	\$82.28	90.51
Repair Backflow Preventor 20 MM	\$144.00	172.80	207.36
Above 20mm and commercial (in all areas all costs	At owner cost	At owner cost	At owner cost
and management are borne by the property			
owner/contractors, this includes repairs and should			
be done to the Councils standards)			
Capital Contribution			
Te Ohaaki (Capital contribution additional to	20,859.00	20,859.00	20,859.00
boundary			
connection costs)			
Water meter reading			
Final or special water meter reading – minimum 10 working days' notice required	109.00	.73	114.52
Water drawn from fire hydrants or tanker filling stations			
Annual permit to draw water from fire hydrants – mandatory	93.28	95.61	98.00
Charge by kilo litre (m3) by permit holders only	3.41	3.50	3.59
Flow restrictor			
Temporary removal and reinstallation	156.83	160.75	164.76
After hours removal – outside the hours of 8am to	313.65	321.49	329.53
4.30pm Monday to Friday			

Water by meter

The Council has set a targeted rate for water according to the quantity of water consumed by any person receiving the same as measured or controlled by meter.

The district-wide targeted rate has been set across all water supply schemes on a per cubic metre basis.

Description	Charge	Charge	Charge
	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
District wide	2.10	2.18	2.27

Wastewater

Reticulation

Connection fees

The term 'at cost' means the property owner or developer is liable for the total cost of constructing the connection to the Council main and is also responsible for the physical work in providing the connection. It is expected that the client's contractor will complete the connection to the service at the time that site works are carried out and will charge the client directly. The work must be done to the Council's standards, as specified in the Regional Infrastructure Technical Specification and will be inspected as part of the subdivision or building consent inspection. Additional connections may require development contributions or capital contribution fee

Disconnection fees

When a building is demolished or removed from a serviced site then a disconnection fee shall be payable to the Council for the existing wastewater connection to be capped and the utilities information recorded on the Council's 'as-built' plans.

Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Connection fee			
In all areas all costs are borne by the property owner and wastewater systems are installed by the property owner's contractors to the Council's standards	At cost	At cost	At cost
Capital Contribution (capital contribution additional to boundary connection costs)			
Rangiriri – for scheme installed in 2008	4,616.00	4,616.00	4,616.00
Taupiri – for scheme installed in 2007	4,154.00	4,154.00	4,154.00
Meremere	1,396.00	1,396.00	1,396.00
Pokeno	33,420.00	33,420.00	33,420.00
Tauwhare Pa	8,330.00	8,330.00	8,330.00
Te Ohaki Road	3,440.00	3,440.00	3,440.00
Whaanga Coast	39,537.00	39,537.00	39,537.00
Disconnection fee			
House removal or demolition	365.93	375.07	384.45
Interim Charge Any property that connects to the reticulated wastewater network will be required to pay a charge to reflect actual period of use.			
July	530.00	578.00	629.00
August	482.00	525.00	572.00
September	434.00	473.00	515.00
October	386.00	420.00	457.00
November	337.00	368.00	400.00
December	289.00	315.00	343.00

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Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
January	241.00	263.00	286.00
February	193.00	210.00	229.00
March	145.00	158.00	172.00
April	96.00	105.00	114.00
May	48.00	53.00	57.00

Disposal

Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Individual Trade Waste Agreement			
Wastewater disposal charges in respect of commercial organisations that require substantial quantities of discharge into the wastewater reticulation system will be determined by the Council on a case-by-case basis	Price on application	Price on application	Price on application

Trade waste

Any non-domestic users that discharge into the Wastewater reticulation system will need to obtain a trade waste consent from the Council and may be charged a fair share of the costs. Any 'permitted' and 'conditional' consents relate to the types of trade waste that these businesses produce.

Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Disposal of septic tank cleanings			
Huntly wastewater septage facility disposal volume \$ per m3	75.85	77.75	79.69
Application Fees			
Permitted/Controlled Discharge (including final inspection)	214.25	219.60	225.09
Conditional Consent (covering 5 hours work including final inspection)	397.26	407.19	417.37
Hourly rate for applications	112.87	115.69	118.59
Temporary Discharge (including final inspection)	214.25	219.60	225.09
Renewal Fee for Trade Waste Consents	105.21	107.84	110.53
Variation/Change of Details Request	56.99	58.41	59.88
Site Inspection Fees			
Permitted/Controlled Discharge - final inspection (approval to discharge) - additional inspection	151.23	155.01	158.88
Conditional Consent - final inspection (approval to discharge) - additional inspection	239.45	245.44	251.57
Temporary discharge - final inspection (approval to discharge) - additional inspection	239.45	245.44	251.57
Site Inspection - Non-compliance	239.45	245.44	251.57

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Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)	
Annual charges				
Permitted/controlled discharge	214.25	219.60	225.09	
Conditional discharge - Risk Class 3	1676.15	1718.06	1761.01	
Conditional discharge - Risk Class 2	957.80	981.75	1006.29	
Temporary discharge	214.25	219.60	225.09	
Discharges to the Tuakau treatment plant	Refer to Watercare	Refer to Watercare	Refer to Watercare	
Quantity charge rates for conditional discharge				
Tuakau and Pokeno				
Daily flow volume - \$ per m3	0.87	0.89	0.92	
Suspended solids treatment \$ per kg	1.63	1.67	1.71	
Total kjeldahl nitrogen treatment \$ per kg	8.78	9.00	9.23	
Chemical oxygen demand (COD) \$ per kg	0.73	0.75	0.76	
All other areas				
Daily flow volume \$ per m3	1.31	1.34	1.38	
Suspend solids treatment \$ per kg	0.88	0.90	0.93	
Biochemical oxygen demand treatment \$ per kg	1.05	1.07	1.10	
Total phosphorus \$ per kg	6.22	6.38	6.54	
Total kjeldahl nitrogen treatment \$ per kg	1.00	1.03	1.06	

Request for official or personal information

The Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) requires the Council to make available certain public or personal information which it holds.

The Act also makes provision for the Council to make a charge for the information supplied but this charge must be reasonable and is for the cost of labour and materials involved in making the information available. If the request expresses urgency the Council may have to use additional resources to gather the information promptly and the Act permits the Council to charge for these extra resources.

If the charges to gather the information requested are likely to be substantial, the Council will advise the applicant of the likely charges before it commences processing the request and will give the applicant the opportunity to decide whether to proceed with the request. In such cases the Council may also require that the whole or part of any charge be paid in advance before commencing to process the request.

Charges are made by the Council on the following basis.

- 1. Any request by a person wishing to view information on any files held by Council and requires the presence of an officer during the viewing will incur a charge at the Officers' hourly rate for the first half hour and the Officers' hourly rate for each half hour thereafter.
- 2. The first half hour spent in processing the LGOIMA application will be free of charge but a charge of \$38.00 will be made for each additional half hour or part thereof.
- 3. All other charges incurred will be at actual cost involved. The cost includes:
 - producing a document using a computer or other like equipment.
 - reproducing a film, video, or audio recording.
 - arranging for the applicant to hear or view an audio or visual recording.
 - providing a copy of any map, plan, or other document larger than A4 size.

- 4. If the time taken to process the information and/or the number of copies supplied is only a small margin over the 'free' allowance, the Council may use its discretion as to whether any charge should be made.
- 5. Where repeated requests are made by the same applicant in respect of a common subject the Council will aggregate these requests for charging purposes. This means that the second and subsequent requests will not be subject to half an hour of free time and 20 free standard A4 photocopies.
- 6. The Council is not permitted to charge for:
 - locating and retrieving information which is not where it ought to be.
 - time spent deciding whether access should be allowed, and in what form.
- 7. A deposit will be required where the charge is likely to exceed \$90.00 or where some assurance of payment is required to avoid waste of resources.
- 8. A record will be kept of any costs incurred. Wherever a liability to pay is incurred the applicant will be notified of the method of calculating the charge and this notification placed on the file.

'Personal' information does not include rating records, resource consents, building consent applications, or any information pertaining to property, which is public information.

Council Staff Charge out rates

Position title	Rates 2021/2022 (\$)	Rates 2022/2023 (\$)	Rates 20232024 (\$)
SERVICE DELIVERY – WATERS/ SOLID WASTE			
Waters Contract Relationship Manager	206.00	211.00	216.00
Waste Minimisation & Resource Recovery Officer	152.00	157.00	162.00
Engineer, Waters	164.00	169.00	174.00
SERVICE DELIVERY - ROADING			
Roading Manager	220.00	225.00	230.00
Programme Delivery Team Manager	196.00	201.00	206.00
Development Coordinator, Roading Asset Management	148.00	153.00	158.00
Senior Design Engineer	190.00	195.00	200.00
Contracts Team Leader, Programme Delivery	187.00	192.00	197.00
Asset Management Team Leader, Roading	195.00	200.00	205.00
Road Safety Engineer	170.00	175.00	180.00
Road Asset Engineer	181.00	186.00	191.00
Project Delivery Team Leader	195.00	200.00	205.00
Asset Engineer, Roading	170.00	175.00	180.00
Design Engineer	162.00	167.00	172.00
Roading Corridor Engineer	148.00	153.00	158.00
Contract Engineer	164.00	169.00	174.00
Project Manager, Programme Delivery	187.00	192.00	197.00
Project Coordinator, Programme Delivery	149.00	154.00	159.00
Networks Controls Corridor Engineer	173.00	178.00	183.00
Surveyor	118.00	123.00	128.00

Position title	Rates 2021/2022 (\$)	Rates 2022/2023 (\$)	Rates 20232024 (\$)
SERVICE DELIVERY - PARKS AND FACILITIES			
Community Assets Manager	225.00	230.00	235.00
Asset Management Team Leader, Parks & Facilities	170.00	175.00	180.00
Facilities Asset Engineer, Parks & Facilities	170.00	175.00	180.00
Open Spaces Operations Team Leader	165.00	170.00	175.00
Ecological Planner	160.00	165.00	170.00
Reserves Planner	155.00	160.00	165.00
Maintenance and Contracts Officer	125.00	130.00	135.00
Arborist	125.00	130.00	135.00
Community Venues and Events Team Leader	141.00	146.00	151.00
Ecological Planner	190.00	195.00	200.00
Community Connections Manager	200.00	205.00	210.00
CUSTOMER SUPPORT			
Animal Control			
Animal Control Team Leader	175.00	180.00	175.00
Senior Animal Control Officer	150.00	155.00	160.00
Animal Control Officer	115.00	120.00	125.00
Education and engagement Officer	115.00	120.00	125.00
Pound Keeper	85.00	90.00	95.00
Building Quality			
Building Quality Manager	190.00	195.00	200.00
Planning & Engineering Officer – Senior	170.00	175.00	180.00
Building Inspectors Team Leader	155.00	160.00	165.00
Senior Building Inspector	150.00	155.00	160.00
Building Inspector	140.00	145.00	150.00
Building Review Officer	140.00	145.00	150.00

Position title	Rates	Rates	Rates
	2021/2022 (\$)	2022/2023 (\$)	20232024 (\$)
Planning and Engineering Officer	130.00	135.00	140.00
Building administration team leader	123.00	128.00	133.00
Building Administrator	115.00	120.00	125.00
Consents			
Consents Manager	220.00	225.00	230.00
Consents Team Leader	200.00	205.00	210.00
Development Engineer Team Leader	200.00	205.00	210.00
Principal Planner	200.00	205.00	210.00
Principal Land Development Engineer	200.00	205.00	210.00
Senior Planner	185.00	190.00	195.00
Senior Land Development Engineer	185.00	190.00	195.00
Intermediate Land Development Engineer	170.00	175.00	180.00
Intermediate Planner	170.00	175.00	180.00
Planner	160.00	165.00	170.00
Land Development Engineer	160.00	165.00	170.00
Consents Administration Team Leader	135.00	140.00	145.00
Senior Consents Administrator	125.00	130.00	135.00
Consents Administrator	115.00	120.00	125.00
LIM Officer	115.00	120.00	125.00
Property Information Officer	115.00	120.00	125.00
Customer Delivery			
Customer Delivery Manager	185.00	190.00	195.00
Customer Delivery Team Leader	135.00	140.00	145.00
Customer Delivery Officer	95.00	100.00	105.00
Community Safety			
Community Safety Manager	217.00	222.00	227.00
Community Safety Support Team Leader	135.00	140.00	145.00
Community Safety Support Officer	110.00	115.00	120.00

Position title	Rates	Rates	Rates
	2021/2022 (\$)	2022/2023 (\$)	20232024 (\$)
Environmental Health			
Environmental Health Team Leader	175.00	180.00	185.00
Environmental Health Officer	150.00	155.00	160.00
Senior Environmental Health Officer	160.00	164.00	169.00
Contaminated Land Specialist	170.00	175.00	180.00
Monitoring			
Monitoring Team Leader	175.00	180.00	185.00
Investigator	175.00	180.00	185.00
Monitoring Officer	140.00	145.00	150.00
Compliance Officer	115.00	120.00	125.00
Parking Officer	115.00	120.00	125.00
COMMUNITY GROWTH			
Resource Management Policy			
Kaiwhakamaahere	158.00	163.00	168.00
District Plan Administrator	127.00	132.00	137.00
Planning Technician	122.00	127.00	132.00
Policy Planner	156.00	161.00	166.00
Project Team Leader RM Policy	206.00	211.00	216.00
Resource Management Policy Manager	223.00	228.00	233.00
Resource Management Policy Team Leader	216.00	221.00	226.00
Senior Policy Planner	196.00	201.00	206.00
Principal policy Planner	206.00	211.00	216.00
Senior Project Coordinator-District Plan	137.00	142.00	147.00
Strategic Planning			
Strategic Planner	141.00	146.00	151.00
Senior Environmental Planner	172.00	177.00	182.00
Senior Planner Community Development	184.00	189.00	194.00
Strategic Planning Team Leader	205.00	210.00	215.00

Position title	Rates 2021/2022 (\$)	Rates 2022/2023 (\$)	Rates 20232024 (\$)
Economic and Community Development			
Community Development Advisor	126.00	131.00	136.00
Youth Engagement Advisor	147.00	152.00	157.00
Community & Economic Development Advisor	153.00	158.00	163.00
Economic & Community Development Manager	229.00	234.00	239.00
EXECUTIVE			
Legal			
Legal Assistant	131.00	136.00	141.00
Solicitor	170.00	175.00	180.00
Senior Solicitor	204.00	209.00	214.00
Legal Counsel	242.00	247.00	252.00
Chief Executive			
lwi & Community Partnership Advisor	114.00	119.00	124.00
Executive Assistant to the Mayor	123.00	128.00	133.00
Executive Assistant to Chief Executive	129.00	134.00	139.00
lwi and Community Partnerships Manager	225.00	230.00	235.00
Chief Executive	467.00	472.00	477.00
Chief Financial Officer	318.00	323.00	328.00
General Manager	365.00	370.00	375.00
Chief Information Officer	353.00	358.00	363.00
Special Infrastructure Projects Manager	395.00	400.00	405.00
Northern Infrastructure Programme Manager	220.00	225.00	230.00
People and Capability Manager	268.00	273.00	278.00
Communications, Marketing and Engagement Manager	259.00	264.00	269.00
Zero Harm Manager	214.00	219.00	224.00
Executive Assistant	129.00	134.00	139.00

Mileage charge out rates

Mileage rates will be charged in accordance with the prevailing Inland revenue Department mileage rates at the time of invoice.

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