



**NEVADA
COUNTY**
CALIFORNIA

Consolidated User Fee Update

Fiscal Year 2026/27

Background

- **Counties have the authority to assess fees for services provided**
- **Fees must not “exceed reasonable cost...”**
- **User Fee Review Group (UFRG) established at the direction of the Board of Supervisors in 2015**
- **UFRG consists of representatives from the Auditor-Controller, County Counsel and the County Executive Office,**
- **UFRG reviews fee studies and proposals and makes recommendations to the Board for the adoption of fee schedules**

UFRG Process

- **Conduct Fee and Time studies to develop hourly rates**
- **Identify and address statutory authorities and other legal concerns for proposed fees**
- **Analyze fiscal impacts of proposed fees**
- **Recommend a fee schedule that:**
 - **Ensures reasonableness of fees**
 - **Facilitates cost recovery where appropriate**
 - **Allows for accessibility to services where fiscally responsible**

Proposed Resolution

- **Reaffirms the Board's intent for the UFRG to review and make recommendations regarding user fees**
- **Authorizes the UFRG to adjust statutorily defined fees as needed**
- **Reaffirms the authority for UFRG to adjust fees by CPI for five years from original fee study**
- **Reauthorizes phased increases for certain Community Development Agency fees, as previously authorized (24-298)**
- **Introduces new and/or modified fees for CDA and Registrar of Voters**
- **Establishes a revised Consolidated User Fee Schedule**

FY 2026/27 Proposed Fee Update

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Animal Shelter (B)			*	2025
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Clerk of the Board (D)		X		2022
Clerk Recorder (E)			X	2021
CDA - All Departments (F)	X	X		2024
DSS Public Guardian (G)		X		2023
IGS – Airport, Facilities & GIS (H)			X	2023
Library (I)			X	2023
Probation (J)			X	2021
Public Health (K)			X	2024
Registrar of Voters (L)	X			2019
Sheriff (M)			X	2025
Treasurer-Tax Collector (N)		X		2023

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Elections

- **Adding seven fees, all of which are authorized by State gov code and/or Elections code**
- **Fees for:**
 - **Candidate filing**
 - **Political Reform related activities**
 - **Postage/ mailing/ document delivery**
 - **Returned checks**

Community Development Agency

- **Last Comprehensive Fee Study in 2024**
- **Fee study identified significant increases to “catch up” to true cost of business**
- **Resolution 24-298 authorized increases beyond CPI for certain depts in FY 26/27**
- **FY 26/27 schedule includes various other additions and modifications enumerated in Attachment 1**
- **Automatic annual CPI adjustment will continue to apply**

Community Development Agency

Proposed Hourly Rates

	25/26 Adopted	26/27 Proposed	26/27 CPI + catch up %
Agricultural Commissioner	\$128.36	\$132.35	3.11%
Building	\$185.48	\$191.20	3.11%
Cannabis	\$165.84	\$176.80	3.11% + 3.5%
Code	\$161.02	\$170.55	3.11% + 2.82%
Environmental Health	\$238.20	\$245.60	3.11%
Planning	\$197.58	\$203.60	3.11%
Public Works Engineer	\$242.28	\$249.80	3.11%
Surveyor	\$227.64	\$254.45*	11.78%*

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Proposed New Fees

NEW PERMIT FEES PROPOSED		PROPOSED RATE	HOURS
Code	Appeal Fee (New)	\$320.00	Flat Rate
Cannabis	Appeal Fee (New)	\$320.00	Flat Rate
Econ Dev	Business License Fee	\$50.00	Flat Rate

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Current FY25/26 Rates Building Permit Comparison

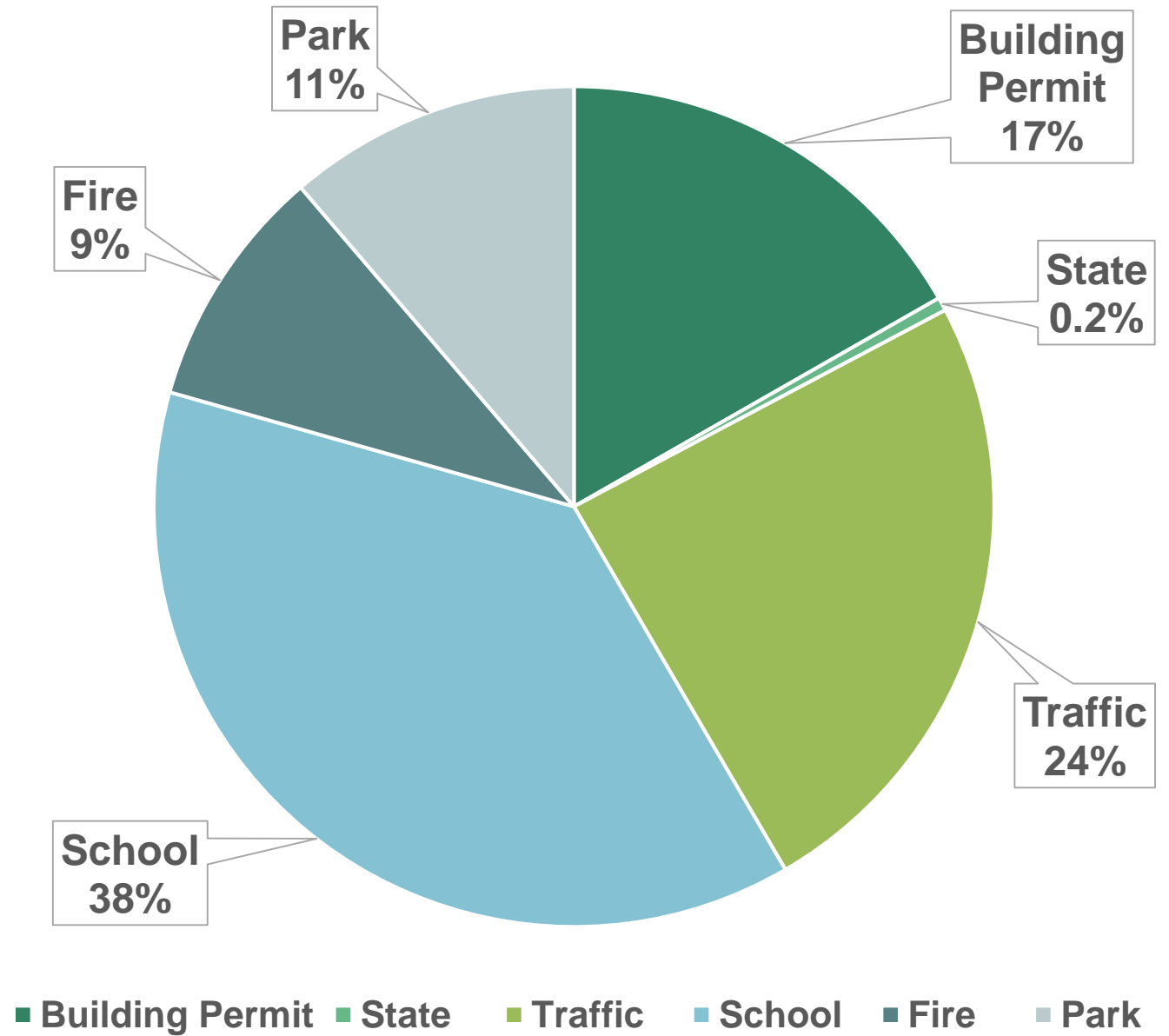
Fee Estimates	Nevada County	Butte County	El Dorado County
Building Permit	\$ 3,571	\$ 5,179	\$ 4716
Other Permit	\$ 551	\$	\$ 1464
State Fees	\$ 127	\$ 58	\$ 62
Traffic /Road Mit	\$ 5,998	\$ 1070	\$ 12,696
School Impact	\$ 9,306	\$ 9306	\$ 9,306
Parks Mit	\$ 2,776		
Fire Mit	\$ 2,300	\$ 680	\$ 2,124
Other Impact Fees		\$ 8182	\$ 885
Total:	\$ 24,629	\$ 24,475	\$ 31,253

****Estimate for 1,800 Sq Ft New Single-Family Residence with 500 ft garage**

*****Excludes Grading, Water, Septic/Sewer, Encroachment, PGE, etc.**

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Building Permit Allocation of Fees





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Questions?