

ATTACHMENTS

Ordinary Council Meeting

9 June 2026

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Resource Consenting

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Monitoring costs for National Environmental Standards and District Plan permitted activities (hourly rate)	\$230.00	\$245.00	\$ 15.00	7%	Added in district plan permitted activities
Commissioners (hourly rates)					Actual cost
Business support officers (hourly rate)	\$170.00	\$180.00	\$ 10.00	6%	
Cost of all disbursements (such as venue hire, photocopying, catering, postage, public notification)					Variable based on actual cost
Other Applications and Certificate Approvals					
Copy of Certificate of Title or Consent Notice (per certificate)	\$31.00	\$33.00	\$ 2.00	6%	
Plan Change Requests					
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Engineering services		These fees were increased last year, single year inflation increase			
Recovery of Engineering staff time per hour (where flat fee does not apply)					
Asset Manager, Development Engineering, Deeds of Arrangement	\$305.00	\$ 315.00	\$ 10.00	3%	
Other staff involved with development engineering and development contributions	\$225.00	\$ 230.00	\$ 5.00	2%	

Food Licensing

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Road Stopping					This new fee will cover initial background research, discussions with solicitors, and time to prepare feedback for the applicant.
Initial Application Fee (5 Hours)					
Note: This fee excludes survey costs, cost of any consents, public advertising, accredited agent fees, Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) fees, applicant and Road Controlling Authority legal fees, cost of Court and hearing proceedings, staff time beyond the initial five hours and registered land valuation		\$ 1,300.00			

Fees and Charges 2026



Submitter Details

Submission Date: 01/05/2026

First name: Nathan **Last name:** Stirling

Organisation: ANS Construction Ltd

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Do you support the proposed resource consent fees for the next financial year?					
No					
Please tell us why you don't support them					
It would be better for Council to address roadblocks in Resource Consents and look to improve efficiencies instead of defaulting to just charging more.					

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Submitter Details

Submission Date: 07/05/2026

First name: Robyn Last name: Sherburd

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Do you support the proposed food licensing fees for the next financial year?

No

Please tell us why you don't support them

Submission Opposing Proposed Increase in Food Licensing Fees

To Whom It May Concern,

I wish to express my concern regarding the proposed increases in several food licensing fees.

While I understand that councils and regulatory bodies face rising operational costs, the proposed increase appears disproportionate when compared with the current rate of inflation in New Zealand. If inflation is sitting at a lower percentage than the proposed fee increase, regardless of no increases since 24/25 it is difficult to understand or justify why small food businesses are being asked to absorb large additional costs.

As a small mobile food operator, rising expenses are already impacting day-to-day operations. Costs including fuel, ingredients, wages, insurance, power, equipment maintenance, and compliance have all increased substantially over recent years. Additional licensing increases place further strain on small businesses that are already operating on tight margins.

My business contributes positively to local communities, events and tourism. Excessive fee increases risk discouraging small operators from continuing to trade, within the local food sector.

I request that the proposed increase be reconsidered and aligned more closely with the actual inflation rate and genuine cost recovery requirements. Greater transparency around how the increase has been calculated would also be appreciated.

A more balanced and moderate approach would help ensure compliance remains affordable while still supporting safe food practices and regulatory oversight.

Thank you for considering this submission.

Kind regards,

Robyn sherburd

Fees and Charges 2026



Submitter Details

Submission Date: 27/05/2026

First name: Sharelle Last name: Creswell

Organisation: Parklands Motor Lodge

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing?
Yes

Additional requirements for hearing:

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Kia ora,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed increases to Food Licensing and related fees for the 2026/27 financial year.

I want to be very clear that I strongly oppose any increase in fees at this time.

The hospitality sector has been under sustained pressure for the past three to four years, and many businesses are still struggling to remain viable. Costs across wages, food, compliance, and general operations have continued to rise, while margins have become increasingly tight.

To be completely transparent, our own restaurant is not profitable. It operates at a loss and is effectively in deficit. If it were not part of our wider motel business, we would have closed it down some time ago. The only reason we continue to operate is because of the lack of dining options in Tūrangi and a genuine concern for what the area is becoming.

We are now seeing the consequences of this pressure across the local hospitality landscape. LakeInd is gone. Valentino's has recently closed. Creel Cafe is not operating. These were well-known, established venues, and their loss is significant.

Is this the outcome Council wants for the district? A town with little to no hospitality offering for visitors and locals?

Tūrangi plays a key role as a base for visitors undertaking the Tongariro Alpine Crossing, and while many visitors stay in Taupō, a growing number are choosing to stay locally. However, when there are limited or no places to eat, it **reflects poorly on the district as a whole**. This is not just a business issue—it is a reputational and economic issue for the region.

In this context, increasing fees—no matter how they are justified—feels out of touch with what is actually happening on the ground. Businesses are not in a position to absorb further cost increases.

Overall, I find the proposed fee increases extremely disappointing. At a time when businesses are struggling to survive, there should be a focus on support and retention—not additional financial burden.

I strongly urge Council to reconsider these increases and instead focus on how it can better support hospitality operators, particularly in smaller communities like Tūrangi.

Ngā mihi,
Sharelle Creswell

From: Eat Catering <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 1 May 2026 1:26 pm
To: Fees and Charges
Subject: Re: Taupo District Council Fees and Charges

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

[REDACTED]

I understand and am happy to pay
Sent from my iPhone

On 1 May 2026, at 11:12 AM, Fees and Charges <feesandcharges@taupo.govt.nz> wrote:

Kia Ora,

Taupō District Council is in the process of reviewing fees and charges for the 26/27 financial year. You are being contacted directly as someone who has an interest in food licensing in our district. This is because Council is consulting on increases to Food Licensing and other related fees.

As Council's costs increase each year with inflation, and rates are annually adjusted, fees must also be adjusted to ensure users continue to pay their fair share for the cost of the services they use. Council will be considering increases to its fees in line with inflation from 1 July 2026, alongside rates adjustments. The laws governing some of these fees require public consultation, even for inflationary adjustments.

Council is consulting on adjustments of around 7 percent for Food Licensing fees, and Resource Consenting fees to make up for two years of inflationary increases. These activities are currently funded around 40 to 60 percent by user charges, with the remainder funded by rates. In addition, we are proposing to introduce a new fee for road stopping applications.

For further information, to see the full schedule of fees being consulted on, and to make a submission please visit our consultation page here: [Fees and Charges for 2026-27 - Taupō District Council](#). Consultation will run from April 29 to May 29 with hearings scheduled for June 9.

Kind Regards,

Taupō District Council

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