

# City of Mt. Pleasant

## Fee/Charges Policy Guidelines

### General Statement

Services/programs that generally fit the following criteria should be funded via fees/charges instead of general tax dollars.

- ü Service/program primarily benefits one property or one user
- ü User of the service/program generally has a choice/option to use it

\*Please note that services which are operated as enterprise funds/self-supporting entities are always funded only by fees/charges

- ü Water services
- ü Wastewater services
- ü Trash and recycling pick-up

### Calculation of fee/charge

The full costs for providing the identified service/program should be analyzed and fees/charges should be set at a level to cover the entire cost.

Exceptions to fees/charges covering the full cost (and instead only covering a portion of the cost) are very limited and include only the following:

- ü Recreational programs for children
  - o In these cases, the fee/charge is expected to cover some percentage of the cost and the rest is covered by general tax dollars.
  - o Fees/charges for these programs should have a lower resident rate than non-resident rate since general tax dollars are allocated to support the program.
- ü Other programs as specifically identified by City Commission action.

### Comparison to others

When the fees/charges are recommended for approval to the City Commission, information from neighboring communities should be provided as information comparisons.

*These guidelines should be reviewed every two years.*