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**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Lead Sponsor: Education and Culture Committee

SUBJECT: FY27 Community Use of Public Facilities Fees

Background

1. Section 44-3(a)(2) of the County Code authorizes the Council to adopt by resolution fee schedules for the use of public facilities after receiving the recommendations of the County Executive.
2. The Community Use of Public Facilities was established in 1978 as a fee-supported enterprise within the Executive Branch of Montgomery County. The enterprise fund accounts for fiscal activity related to making public space, such as schools, available to community organizations, commercial users, and others during non-school hours. The Community Use of Public Facilities also implemented an internal policy to establish a 10 percent end-of-year reserve fund balance as a percent of resources.
3. In FY24, the Department conducted a comprehensive review of its fee rate and structure to support operating costs and to maintain the reserve policy. The Council approved a new permit-holder category structure and a 10 percent - 12.5 percent fee rate increase for Montgomery County Public Schools facilities in FY26: Category A- Before and After Child Care/Non-Profit Cultural Schools/Government: 10 percent fee rate increase; Category B- Non-Profit and County Resident: 10 percent fee rate increase; Category C- Commercial/Out of County Residents/Out-of-County Non-Profits: 12.5 percent fee rate increase. The updated FY26 permit-holder category structure and fee rates took effect in July 2025.
4. The County Executive's FY27 Recommended Operating Budget proposes fee increases of 7.5 - 12.5 percent for Montgomery County Public Schools facilities:
 - a. Category A- Before and After Child Care/Non-Profit Cultural Schools/Government: 7.5 percent fee rate increase;
 - b. Category B- Non-Profit and County Resident: 7.5 percent fee rate increase; and
 - c. Category C- Commercial/Out of County Residents/Out-of-County Non-Profits: 12.5 percent fee rate increase.

5. The County Executive's FY27 Recommended Operating Budget proposes fee increases of 10.0 - 12.0 percent for the Silver Spring Civic Building:
 - a. Category A- Government Agencies, County Residents, and Non-Profits: 10 percent fee rate increase; and
 - b. Category B- Out-of-County Residents and For Profits: 12 percent fee rate increase.
6. The Education and Culture Committee reviewed the County Executive's FY27 Recommended Operating Budget proposed fee increases on April 13, 2026.
7. The Education and Culture Committee unanimously recommended that the Council establish a 7.5 percent fee rate increase for all permit-holder categories for Montgomery County Public Schools facilities and for the Silver Spring Civic Building. Without a fee rate increase, the Community Use of Public Facilities is not expected to maintain solvency due to expenses exceeding revenues for the entire six-year fiscal plan period of FY27-FY32. While the County Executive's proposal would achieve solvency for the six-year fiscal plan period of FY27- FY32, it is also projected to increase the end-of-year reserves as a percent of resources beyond the established 10 percent fund balance policy. The 7.5 percent fee rate increase is projected to allow the Community Use of Public Facilities to achieve solvency and maintain a fund balance within the 10 percent policy for the entire six-year fiscal plan period of FY27-FY32.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

The County Council approves a 7.5 percent fee rate increase for Montgomery County Public School facilities and for the Silver Spring Civic Building, applied across all permit categories. The new hourly fees are amended as described in Table 1, attached. The fee changes become effective July 1, 2026.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



Sara R. Tenenbaum
Clerk of the Council

Table 1

Montgomery County Public School Facilities						
	Category A		Category B		Category C	
	Before and After Child Care/ Non-Profit Cultural Schools/Government		Non-Profit and County Resident		Commercial/ Out-of-County Residents/ Out-of-County Non-Profits	
	Weekday	Weekend	Weekday	Weekend	Weekday	Weekend
APR, Cafeteria, Other	\$14	\$28	\$17	\$47	\$19	\$60
Kitchen	\$48	\$66	\$53	\$67	\$56	\$71
Gym	\$13	\$28	\$16	\$47	\$22	\$60
Classroom	\$10	\$12	\$10	\$39	\$14	\$51
Auditorium	\$180	\$189	\$180	\$189	\$195	\$218
Fields (Grass)	\$11	\$11	\$11	\$11	\$13	\$13
Stadium Fields (Natural Grass)	\$89	\$89	\$89	\$89	\$212	\$212
Synthetic Turf Fields	\$148	\$148	\$148	\$148	\$242	\$242
Outdoor Basketball Court	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$18	\$18
Tennis Court	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$18	\$18
Running Track	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$18	\$18
Parking Lot	\$19	\$19	\$19	\$19	\$37	\$37
Parking Lot Pick-Up/Drop Off Location (one Time Fee)	\$59	\$59	\$59	\$59	\$90	\$90
Silver Spring Civic Building						
	Category A		Category B			
	Government Agencies, County Residents, and Non-Profits		Out-of-County Residents and For Profits			
	Weekday	Weekend	All Times			
The Buffalo Soldiers Great Hall (Full)	\$270	\$430			\$485	
The Buffalo Soldiers Great Hall (Half)	\$135	\$215			\$240	
Atrium (Lobby)	\$45	\$50			\$65	
Warming Kitchen	\$25	\$40			\$40	
Courtyard	\$30	\$40			\$50	
Fenton Room	\$50	\$55			\$80	
Spring Room	\$50	\$55			\$80	
Ellsworth Room (Full)	\$50	\$55			\$80	
Ellsworth Room (Divided)	\$30	\$40			\$50	
Colesville Room	\$30	\$40			\$50	
Veterans Plaza (Full)	\$160	\$240			\$240	
Veterans Plaza (lighted half pavilion)	\$110	\$160			\$190	
Veteran Plaza (non-pavilion half)	\$80	\$110			\$135	