

AVIATION BOARD BACKGROUND LETTER

Aviation Board Meeting Date: January 20, 2026

To: Council President Dickinson and Aviation Board Members

Cc: Shaundel Washington-Spivey, Mayor

From: Lauren Koss, Interim Airport Director

Subject: 26-0073 – 2026 Airport Schedule of Fees

Summary:

The 2026 Airport Schedule of Fees approves the rates and fees charged to all users of airport facilities, services, and products available to tenants, passengers, and the public.

Previous Action:

This is an annual action.

Background:

The 2026 Airport Schedule of Fees is established based on multiple factors, including the actual cost of services provided, cost recovery objectives, fair market value considerations, inflationary impacts, and appraisals. These rates and fees are structured to support the airport's mid-term and long-term financial sustainability through measured, incremental adjustments as needed.

For 2026, the most significant changes to the Airport Schedule of Fees are primarily driven by inflation, as reflected in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), which increased 2.97% from July 2024 to July 2025.

This item is typically presented for approval in conjunction with the Annual Operating Budget during the months preceding the budget year; however, it was not completed during the previous budget cycle. The 2026 Airport Operating Budget was developed and approved using this fee schedule; the schedule is now being presented for formal review and consideration.

Financial Implications:

Even with the proposed rate adjustments, projected revenues for 2026 remain below anticipated operating expenses. Any amendments or modifications to the proposed fee schedule may require a future resolution to allocate or reallocate previously approved budgeted amounts.



Stakeholder Process:

The Aviation Board is authorized to set this fee schedule on an annual basis.

Alternatives:

The 2026 Airport Schedule of Fees could be:

1. Adopted, with amendments
2. Denied, with direction for changes

Staff Recommendation:

It is the recommendation of staff to approve this item.

Attachments:

2026 Airport Schedule of Fees (changes are highlighted)

