

18. Lodging of Objection (S.357 Resource Management Act)	Each	Actual cost at \$107.74 per hour, plus disbursements
19. Legal Consultant	Each	Actual cost at \$178.89 per hour plus disbursements.
<i>(Where Council refers matters to its Resource Management legal consultant for legal advice, and/or attendance by the legal consultant at hearings)</i>		
20. Engineering Infrastructure checking fees Vehicle costs	Per Hour Per Km	\$116.53 \$0.72
21. Sale of Aerial Photos	A1 Each A2 Each A3 Each A4 Each	\$40.89 \$35.78 \$30.67 \$20.44
22. Sale of Liquor Certificates	Each	\$152.72
23. Early Childhood Certificates	Each	\$25.56
24. Overseas Investment Certificates	Each	\$215.48
25. Temporary Signs: (a) Bond (Refundable) (b) Fee	Per Sign	\$102.22 \$28.74
26. Copies of District Plan		\$286.22
27. Building Control input into resource consent processes	Per hour	\$125.73
Other Legislation relating to subdivision activity		
28. Right of Way Approval (S.348 Local Government Act 1974)		\$323.23 (Three hours at \$107.74)
29. Cancellation of Building Line Restriction (S.327A Local Government Act 1974)		\$323.23 (Three hours at \$107.74)
Fees set by the Resource Management Act (Infringement Offences) Regulations 1999		
30. Confirmation of Section 9 Resource Management Act (Restrictions on use of land)		\$306.67
31. Contravention of an Abatement Notice (other than a notice under Section 322(1)(c))		\$766.67
32. Contravention of Section 22 Resource Management Act (Failure to provide certain information to an Enforcement Officer)		\$306.67
33. Confirmation of Excessive Noise Direction under Section 327 Resource Management Act		\$511.11

Notes: Disbursements recoverable are 100% of actual costs. This may include vehicle and travel costs, public notification, typing, photocopying, postage, photography and any other incidental expenses attributable to the matter for which a charge is being levied.

Please note: Where a basic fee has been paid and actual costs based on the approved hourly rate are less than the basic fee, then a refund will be made to the applicant via Council's next cheque run following the processing of the resource consent.

Recovery of Costs by Council

Section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991 relating to administrative charges enables Council's Resource Planning Department to recover the **actual** and **reasonable** costs incurred in processing consent applications.

What is the difference between the costs of notified resource consent applications and a non-notified resource consent application?

These factors determine the costs that are incurred:

Notified

A notified application will be advertised in the newspaper and copies of the applications are sent to surrounding and adjoining landowners and occupiers.

Any person who feels they may be affected by the proposal can make a submission to Council, supporting **or** opposing the application. Once the timeframe for submissions has closed (20 working days), these applications are usually referred to a Council hearing for a decision. The applicant and any person who has made a submission may provide evidence at the hearing. A notified application takes approximately 6-8 weeks to process. The processing deposit for a notified application is \$2,500 plus disbursements.

Non-Notified

If a resource consent application is to be considered as non-notified, the Council must be satisfied that:

1. any adverse effects associated with the proposal are **minor; and**
2. that the adjacent owners and occupiers affected by the proposal have given written approval to the proposal going ahead.

An applicant should not assume that obtaining all affected owners and occupiers written approvals will guarantee that the application is not notified. The scale or nature of the proposal may mean that the adverse effects are more than minor and the application **may** still need to be notified.

A non-notified application is usually processed within 20 working days.

As your application is being processed, a record is kept of all time spent and expenses incurred, by the Resource Management Planner processing your application. When a decision is made on your application, these costs are totalled and either a refund or an invoice will be forwarded with the Council decision. A copy of the costing sheet will also be forwarded at this time for your information.

Setting of Fees

The appropriateness of fees and charges are reviewed by Council annually, in terms of how accurately they reflect the actual and reasonable costs incurred by Council when processing requests under the Resource Management Act 1991. These fees and charges can be altered by Council, but a formal public process must be followed for this.

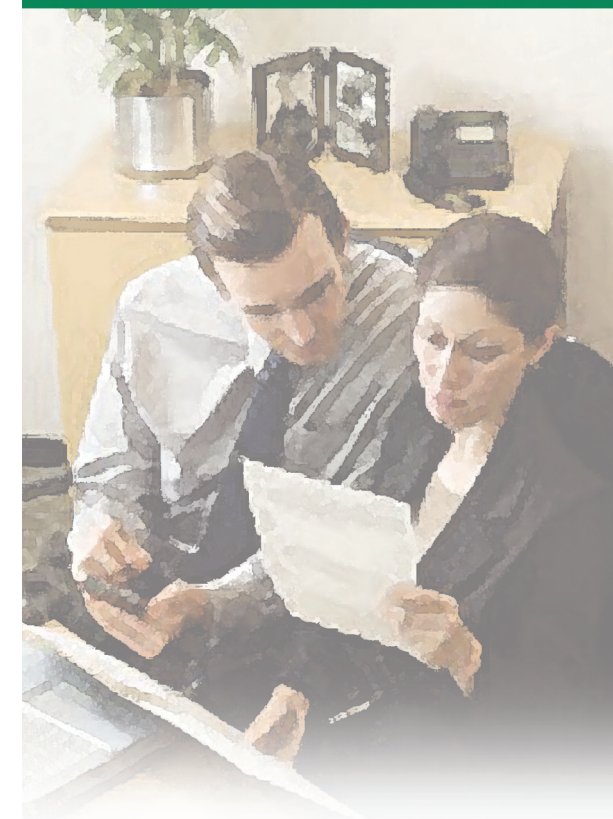
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FEEs AND CHARGES

under the Resource Management Act 1991

Introduction

The Southland District Council has a schedule of fees and charges which it applies when applications or requests for information are lodged under the Resource Management Act 1991. This handout outlines information on fees and charges and explains how these costs are calculated.

Commonly Asked Questions

Do my rates cover the cost of a resource consent application?

No. Council's Resource Planning Section operates on a user-pays system. Therefore, applicants for resource consent pay for the cost of processing their applications.

Does the deposit cover the whole cost of my application?

Generally, for most applications, the processing deposit will cover the costs of processing the application. However, this is not always the case. Any costs incurred in addition to the processing deposit will be recovered by Council.

Do I have to pay the deposit at the time I lodge my application?

Yes. The deposit must be lodged **with** your resource consent application.

How are the total costs of an application calculated?

A detailed record of all costs incurred is kept as the application is being processed. Charges are based on the amount of staff time involved, and also on other costs incurred in processing, such as photocopying.

Do I get my money back if my application is declined?

No. A cost has still been incurred in the processing of the application and these costs need to be recovered by Council, rather than all ratepayers having to pay for this cost.

Are building consent fees separate from resource consent fees?

Yes. A building consent is separate to a resource consent and separate fees will be charged. Council's Building Consents Department is able to advise of building consent fees.

What will Council charge for when processing a resource consent application?

Staff time eg

- Resource Management Planners with input from:
- Environmental Health Officers
- Roading Manager • Engineers
- Assessing application, photocopying, report writing, site inspections, attendance at hearing, preparing reply etc.
- Hearing time • Council legal expenses (if applicable)
- Advertisement in newspaper (notified applications)
- Resource consent signs (notified applications)
- Disbursements eg: postage, envelopes, faxes, travel, photocopying, photographs
- Certificate of Title searches

Fees and Charges

The following fees and charges apply for processing resource consent applications and other common applications under the Resource Management Act 1991.

DESCRIPTION	UNIT	FEES (GST INCL)
1. Search Fee of Certificate of Title and Appellation Details.	Each	\$11.76
2. Resource Consents: S.93 and S.94 Resource Management Act for Controlled Activity, Discretionary Activity, and Non-Complying Activity		
(a) For applications that can be dealt with under Delegated Authority (ie Non-Notified)	Each	Basic Fee - \$598.00 plus disbursements. Time over 4 hours will be charged at \$107.74 per hour, plus disbursements
(Note: Non notified resource consent basic fee based on:		
Resource Management Staff	4.0 hours at \$107.74 per hour	
Area Engineer	0.5 hours at \$116.53 per hour	
Environmental Health Officer	0.5 hours at \$101.20 per hour	
Water and Wastewater staff	0.5 hours at \$116.53 per hour	
(b) For applications requiring limited notification (Limited Notifieds)		Deposit Fee \$1,000.00 Time over six hours will be charged at \$107.74 per hour, plus disbursements.
(c) For applications requiring notice (Notified)		Deposit Notified Fee \$5,000.00 plus disbursements which includes advertising costs and preliminary costs in notification process. Time over 10.5 hours will be charged at \$107.74 per hour, plus disbursements.
3. Change or cancellation of consent conditions (S.127 Resource Management Act)		Basic Fee - \$323.23 plus disbursements. Time over three hours will be charged at \$107.74 per hour plus disbursements.
4. Hearings Charge	1st half hour One hour second and subsequent hours	\$306.67 \$613.33 \$613.33 - pro rata in 15 min segments of \$153.33 plus disbursements
For processes which will involve hearing of two or more days, a further hearing deposit will be required to be paid prior to the matter proceeding to a formal hearing. This hearing deposit will be subtracted from the overall cost of the hearing for the purposes of calculating any outstanding processing costs at the end of the process.		
Deposit based on 15 hours at an hourly rate of		\$613.33
Where additional staff input is required at a hearing (ie excluding planning staff) this input will be charged at that staff member's standard charge out rate, additional to the hearing charge.		

5. Plan Change Request		Basic Fee - \$2,555.56 plus disbursements which includes advertising costs and preliminary costs in notification process. Additional costs will be charged at \$107.74 per hour, plus disbursements
6. Monitoring Charges	Per Appln	Actual Cost at \$63.38 per hour, plus disbursements
7. Requirements and Heritage Orders	Per Appln	Basic Fee - \$646.45 (six hours at \$107.74) plus disbursements Additional costs over and above six hours will be charged at \$107.74 per hour, plus disbursements
8. Information from Files/Plans on Resource Consents		Actual Cost based on staff time at \$107.74 per hour plus disbursements
9. Engineering Investigations, Inspection and Certification Fees	Per Appln	\$116.53 per hour, plus disbursements
10. Subdivision Approvals Fee		\$53.87 \$161.61 Additional costs over and above 90 mins to be charged at \$107.74 per hour plus disbursements
(a) Section 223 certification only		
(b) Section 223 and 224(c) certification fee		
11. Certification of Plans (S.226 Resource Management Act)	Per Plan	\$215.80 (two hours at \$107.90) plus disbursements
12. Certificates of Compliance (S.139 Resource Management Act)	Each	Basic Fee \$323.23 (three hours at \$107.74). Additional time over and above three hours \$107.74 per hour plus disbursements.
13. Existing Use Right Certificate (S.139A Resource Management Act)		Basic Fee \$323.23 (three hours at \$107.74) Additional time over three hours at \$107.74 per hour plus disbursements.
14. Outline Plan Approval (S.176A Resource Management Act)		\$215.48 (two hours at \$107.74).
15. Extension of Time (S.125 Resource Management Act)	Each	Actual cost at \$107.74 per hour, plus disbursements
16. Removal of Designation (S.182 Resource Management Act)	Each	Actual cost at \$107.74 per hour, plus disbursements
17. Alteration of Designation (S.183 Resource Management Act)	Each	Actual cost at \$107.74 per hour, plus disbursements