

Houston County Fee Schedule

The following fee schedule was adopted by the Houston County Board of Commissioners on October 7, 2025 and is effective immediately unless otherwise noted. This fee schedule is not exhaustive since the Board of Commissioners may adopt or change fees in various formats that may not be reflected here. Note: Unless you contact the County, all overpayments of five dollars or less will not be refunded and will be received as "miscellaneous" to improve efficiency and cost effectiveness. Additionally, the County will waive charges if the cost to provide the data is less than the cost to process the payment.

Note: General fees for data collection and copies are governed by MN Statute 13, Data Practices, and the type of data and subject of data requested will determine the fees chargeable by the County to recover costs for responding to data requests. There are no fees for inspecting data.

Department	Service	Fee
General Fees	Copies (letter or legal size) - B/W, under 100	\$.25 per printed page
General Fees	Copies (letter or legal size) - B/W, over 100	\$.25 per printed page and actual employee time
General Fees	Copies (letter or legal size) - Color	\$1.00 per printed page
General Fees	Employee time: Search & retrieve data. (See note above and MN Statute 13.03)	\$36.20 per hour (billed for actual time, in 15-min increments. Requestor will be provided a cost estimate, 50% must be remitted prior to commencing the research project.
General Fees	Scanning, Copying, and e-mailing; tabloid & larger size paper	11x17 \$2.00 18x24 \$9.00 22x34 \$10.00 24x36 \$11.00 Larger than 24X36 \$4.00 per foot
General Fees	E-mailing plats (22x34)	\$10.00
General Fees	Minimum mailing charge	\$1.00
General Fees	Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF)	\$30.00 per check
Attorney	Copies of discovery documents	See general fees....plus \$5.00 per CD
Auditor/Treasurer	Certificate as to taxes & taxable property	\$200 per certificate - \$100 extra for top 25 taxpayers
Auditor/Treasurer	Confession of Judgement	\$80 per judgment
Auditor/Treasurer	Copy of Financial Statement	\$10 per year
Auditor/Treasurer	Copy of Township and Cities Officer List	\$5 per year
Auditor/Treasurer	Delinquent Tax Publication Fee	\$30 per publication
Auditor/Treasurer	Tax Increment Financing set Up	\$225 per district
Auditor/Treasurer	Tax Increment Financing annual maintenance	\$125 per district
Auditor/Treasurer	Special Assessment Amortization setup	\$50 per assessment roll
Auditor/Treasurer	Special Assessment Annual setup	\$25 per taxing district
Auditor/Treasurer	Administration & collection of special assessments	\$3.00 per assessment per year
Auditor/Treasurer	Tax Certificates	\$5 per parcel plus: \$5 for special assessments \$5 for delinquent taxes no maximum charge
Auditor/Treasurer	Escrow Account Maintenance	\$5 per parcel
Auditor/Treasurer	Revenue Recapture Processing Fee	\$30
Auditor/Treasurer	NSF Check fee	\$30
Auditor/Treasurer	Cannabis Microbusiness	\$0 initial registration \$1000 renewal registration
Auditor/Treasurer	Cannabis Mezzobusiness	\$500 initial registration \$1000 renewal registration
Auditor/Treasurer	Cannabis Retailer	\$500 initial registration \$1000 renewal registration
Auditor/Treasurer	Medical Cannabis Combination Business	\$500 initial registration \$1000 renewal registration

Auditor/Treasurer	Low Potency Hemp Retailer	\$125 initial registration \$125 renewal registration
A/T Licenses and Permits	Fireworks Permit	\$25 per event
A/T Licenses and Permits	Beer License/On Sale	\$50 per year
A/T Licenses and Permits	Beer License/Off Sale	\$50 per year
A/T Licenses and Permits	Liquor License/On Sale	\$1250 per year
A/T Licenses and Permits	Liquor License/Off Sale	\$115 per year
A/T Licenses and Permits	Liquor License/Sunday	\$200 per year
A/T Licenses and Permits	Wine License	\$250 per year
A/T Licenses and Permits	1 to 3 Day 3.2 Beer License	\$10 per event
A/T Licenses and Permits	1 to 4 Day Liquor License	\$25 per event
A/T Licenses and Permits	Tobacco License Tobacco License Late Fee	\$100 per year \$50 per year
A/T Licenses and Permits	Auctioneer	\$20 per year
A/T Licenses and Permits	Transient Merchant/Peddler's License	\$150 per year w/\$1,000-\$3,000 Bond
Highway Department	County Maps	\$3 \$5.25 mailed \$8.50 for two mailed \$3 per map, plus actual postage for additional
Highway Department	E911 Address Sign - Full Sign Replacement	\$230
Highway Department	E911 Address Sign - Partial Sign Replacement (reuse sign/post)	\$160
Highway Department	Permit for Over dimension Load	\$25 per trip; \$100 annual permit
Highway Department	Permit for Work within ROW	\$20
Highway Department	Permit for Special Event Road Closure	\$20
Highway Department	Permit - Access or Entrance Policy of 2 loads of rock being furnished for new driveway and 1 load of rock for a revised or extended driveway by County is continued.	\$550 residential/field \$650 street/comercial/farm yard \$50 temporary access \$275 revised/extension or improvement to an entrance/driveway
Highway Department	Mailbox installation	\$100 plus cost of materials
Highway Department	Message Board Signs	\$300 Set up plus \$20 per day per sign
Highway Department	Inventory Items/Materials	cost + 15%

Highway Department	Equipment Rental Hourly Rates	\$125 Backhoe \$50 Brush Chipper \$100 Dozer \$101 Drum Roller \$135 Grader \$125 Loader - Wheel Case 721 \$150 Loader - Wheel JD 644K \$150 Loader Wheel JD 821F \$115 Loader - Wheel Case 321F \$65 Loader - Compact JD 333G \$60 Loader - Compact JD 325G \$55 Mowing Tractor (large) \$45 Mowing Tractor (small) \$65 Sign Truck \$100 Tandem Truck - Hauling \$125 Tandem Truck - Plowing \$38 Sprayer \$40 Trailer
Highway Department	Labor Charge	Labor agreement in place plus 60% markup for fringe benefits
Human Services	Child Care Licensing (background study required)	\$50 initial \$100 2-yr renewal
Human Services	Community Residential Services (CRS)	\$500 per site per year
Public Health	Vaccines (fee fluctuates to match cost)	\$TBD Influenza regular \$TBD Influenza high dose \$100 Adult Hepatitis B \$80 Adult Tdap Contact PH office for other immunization fees - uninsured and underinsured individuals can receive MNVAC vaccine (free from the State) for an administrative fee of \$20 to \$30, waivable if individual is unable to pay
Recorder	Real Estate Documents	\$46
Recorder	Plats	\$56
Recorder	Referencing more than 4 documents	\$10 per reference after 4
Recorder	Conforming Copy	\$2
Recorder	Deed Tax & Mortgage Registration Tax	See Treasurer's fees
Recorder	Abstract - Typed Entry	\$10
Recorder	Abstract - Exhibit	\$1
Recorder	Abstract - STL/FTL Certificate	\$5 per name
Recorder	Abstract - Judgement Certificate	\$5 per name
Recorder	Abstract - Tax Certificate per PIN each for Auditor and Treasurer	\$5
Recorder	Landshark Access	\$5
Recorder	Real Estate Research Fee	\$36.20 per hour/one hour minimum
Recorder	Tract Search - limited, uncertified, 1 PIN	\$75 plus copies
Recorder	Copies by staff	\$2 per page
Recorder	E-mailed copies	\$2 per page
Recorder	Digital copies	\$2 per page
Recorder	Fax	\$5 first page, \$2 per page after
Recorder	Certified Copy	\$10 per document
Recorder	Expedite Fee	\$50 per request
Recorder	Passport Photos (2)	\$25 (includes tax)
Recorder	Vitals - Birth Certificate	\$26 for certified copy \$19 for additional certified copy requested at same time/same person \$13 non-certified copy
Recorder	Vitals - Certificate of No Birth Record on File	\$16

Recorder	Vitals - Death Certificate/Fetal Death Report	\$13 for certified copy \$6 for additional certified copy requested at same time/same person \$13 non-certified copy
Recorder	Vitals - Certificate of No Death Record on File	\$13
Recorder	Genealogy Research	\$36.20 per hour/one hour minimum
Recorder	Marriage License	\$125 per license \$60 per reduced fee license \$30 reprint of marriage license \$40 correction of historical marriage record \$9 for certified Marriage Certificate
Recorder	Ordination Papers recording fee	\$50
Recorder	Notary Commission	\$20 recording fee \$20 name/address change \$5 for Notary Certification
Recorder	Extended Hours Staff Fee	\$50 per hour (if staff is available)
Recorder	Abstractor's Continuation Certificate	\$100
Recorder	Abstractor's Original Certificate	\$100
Recorder	40 year search	\$200 plus copies
Sheriff's Office	Advance Fee: Writ of Execution	\$95
Sheriff's Office	Advance Fee: Writ of Recovery	\$150
Sheriff's Office	Advance Fee: Lien Sales	\$100
Sheriff's Office	Advance Fee: Vehicle Seizures	\$300 from Attorney \$500 Pro Se
Sheriff's Office	Civil Process Service - Personal Service/Non-Service - Posting	\$85 (5 attempts max) per person
Sheriff's Office	Writ of Execution Levy Fee (employer/bank)	15
Sheriff's Office	Writ of Execution Sale	\$100
Sheriff's Office	Commission of Execution	5% of total collected
Sheriff's Office	Mechanic Lien Sale	\$100
Sheriff's Office	Sheriff's Sale (Mortgage Foreclosure)	\$100
Sheriff's Office	Cancellation of Sheriff's Sale	\$50
Sheriff's Office	Postponement of Sheriff's Sale	\$10
Sheriff's Office	Redemption Fee	\$250
Sheriff's Office	Writ of Replevin	\$50 plus deputy time
Sheriff's Office	Writ of Restitution	\$50 plus deputy time
Sheriff's Office	Deputy time/Escort	\$120 per hour, per deputy (2hr min)
Sheriff's Office	Permit to Carry	\$65 County Resident \$100 Out of State \$35 Military/Law Enforcement
Sheriff's Office	Permit to Carry Renewal	\$45 County Resident \$75 Out of State \$30 Military/Law Enforcement \$10 Late renewal *Renewal expired 30 days plus is considered a new application*
Sheriff's Office	Criminal History Check (local records only)	\$10
Sheriff's Office	Copy of Police Report	\$.25 per page
Sheriff's Office	Copy of Video	\$25 per DVD
Sheriff's Office	Copy of Photos	\$10 per CD \$2 per page (4 photos per page)
Sheriff's Office	Fax Fee	\$5 for 1-10 pages \$.25 per additional page
Sheriff's Office	Transcription	\$50 per hr (2hr min)
Sheriff's Office	Fingerprint Card	\$10 per card
Sheriff's Office	Jail Fee - Pay for Stay Prisoners	\$30 per day
Sheriff's Office	Jail Fee - Weekender Prisoners	\$90

Sheriff's Office	Jail Fee - Out of County Prisoners	\$80 per day (single) \$75 per day (single, contract rate) \$140 per day (Special Supervision Detainee)
Sheriff's Office	Jail - Booking Fee	\$15
Sheriff's Office	UA Tests	\$15
Sheriff's Office	Dangerous Dog	\$200 Initial \$50 Annual Renewal \$15 Warning Symbol \$15 Dangerous Dog Tag \$50 per hour - Hearing Officer
Sheriff's Office	Buoy Permit Fee	\$20
Surveyor	Survey work for private sector, cities and townships	\$75 per hour for County Surveyor \$60 per hour for Assistant County Surveyor \$50 per hour for truck/field equipment
Surveyor	County-wide aerial imagery (digital)	\$525, includes county-provided storage device
Surveyor	Registered land surveys	\$80 plus \$5 per tract
Surveyor	Plat Review	\$200 per plat and/or condo plat plus \$15 per lot and/or condo unit - Incomplete applications may be charged hourly rate for review at County Surveyor's discretion
Environmental Services	Zoning Permit - Accessory Building or Accessory Addition	\$.15/sf, max charge \$300
Environmental Services	Zoning Permit - Dwelling or Addition	\$400 (included deck, porch, attached garage) \$150 for additions
Environmental Services	Zoning Permit - Change of use	\$50
Environmental Services	Zoning Permit - Extension	\$50
Environmental Services	Zoning Permit - After the fact	Triple the original charge
Environmental Services	Septic Permits	\$200 for holding tank \$375 for Type I <2,500 gpd \$400 for Type II non-holding tank \$400 for Type III \$1000 for Type IV \$1000 for Type V \$1,000 for homeowner install holding tank \$1,000 for homeowner install non-holding tank \$500 for >2,500 gpd
Zoning	Public Hearing - Variance	\$500
Zoning	Public Hearing - Zoning Appeal	\$500
Zoning	Public Hearing - Conditional Use Permit	\$700
Zoning	Public Hearing - Interim Use Permit	\$700
Zoning	Public Hearing - Rezone	\$700
Zoning	Public Hearing - Ordinance Amendment	\$700
Zoning	Plat Review	\$700
Zoning	Soil Erosion Control Plan	\$80 for Type I \$160 for Type II \$240 for Type III
Zoning	E911 Address Assignment	\$50
Zoning	Wetland Permits	\$150 for no loss or exemption \$300 for replacement or banking
Zoning	Noxious Weed Control	\$20 per Pesticide Applicator Test
Solid Waste and Recycling	Refuse (household garbage)	\$2 per 30 gal bag or under \$2.50 per 45 gal bag \$2 min
Solid Waste and Recycling	Demo/non-household	\$.20 per lbs. or \$20 per c.y.

Solid Waste and Recycling	Large Household Items	\$.20 per lbs. or \$20 per c.y.
Solid Waste and Recycling	Tire Disposal	\$3 per auto tire off rim \$8 per auto tire on rim \$10 per semi/large truck/implement tire off rim* \$20 per tractor tire off rim* \$65 per oversized tire off rim* *Not accepted on rim
Solid Waste and Recycling	Appliance	\$0 per item/residential \$20 per item/business \$20 per item/camper (gas or ammonia) plus \$50 per item if uncleaned \$50.00 Items left in unit Plastic Appliances are NOT Recyclable Fee to be determined by Site Supervisors
Solid Waste and Recycling	E-waste	\$0 residential \$.35 per lb/business
Solid Waste and Recycling	Mattresses & Box spring	\$10 per mattress if clean/recyclable \$15 per mattress if wet/soiled/unrecyclable
Solid Waste and Recycling	Hauler's License	\$50 per year
Wildcat Park	Seasonal Rates 2026 Season	\$2250 per season sites 1-8 \$2000 per season sites 9-35 plus tax and actual cost of electricity with \$275 electricity deposit required
Wildcat Park	Monthly Rate 2026 Season	\$550 per month plus tax
Wildcat Park	Weekly Rate 2026 Season	\$275 per week plus tax
Wildcat Park	Electric Sites 2026 Season	\$45 per night plus tax
Wildcat Park	Primitive Sites 2026 Season	\$25 per night, per tent plus tax
Wildcat Park	Holding Tank Dump 2026 Season	\$10
Wildcat Park	Shelter Rental 2026 Season	\$50 per day plus tax, plus \$50 deposit
Wildcat Park	Boat Launch Fee 2026 Season	\$5 per day \$25 per season \$100 non-compliance fine