



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Work Session Agenda

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

10:00 AM

or immediately following the regular board meeting

*Meeting to be held in the County Board Room
at the Historic Courthouse, 215 1st Ave S, Long Prairie, MN.*

MEETING WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED AT: [HTTPS://WWW.CO.TODD.MN.US](https://www.co.todd.mn.us)

Agenda Item #

Agenda Time:

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| 1 | 2024 County Fee Schedule Discussion
<i>County Auditor-Treasurer Office on behalf of and along with County Departments</i> | 10:00 |
| 2 | Class and Comp Study - Comparable Counties
<i>Chris Pelzer, County Coordinator</i> | 10:05 |

Todd County Fee Schedule

(NOTE: some county offices have separate fee schedules)

GENERAL COUNTY	
Copies or print screens (per side, up to 8 1/2" x 14"):	\$0.25/page up to 100 pages; actual cost* when > 100 pages
CD's	\$5 per CD
Computer Printouts (reports/labels)	\$5 setup fee + \$.50/page
Fax or Email Service	Actual cost*
NSF Fee	\$30
Research Fee	Actual cost*
ADMINISTRATION/HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICE	
Rental Fee-Conference Rooms:	
Forest Conference Room-Historic Courthouse	\$50 half day - \$75 full day
Prairie Conference Room-Historic Courthouse	\$50 half day - \$75 full day
Lakes Conference Room-Historic Courthouse	\$50 half day - \$75 full day
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE	
CD/DVD of Documents	\$15
Blu Ray of Documents	\$20
Flashdrive 16 gb of Documents	\$15
Flashdrive 32 gb of Documents	\$20
Flashdrive 64 gb of Documents	\$25
Flashdrive 128 gb of Documents	\$30
Child Support Fees	\$100/hr
Fraud Services	\$100/hr
ASSESSOR'S OFFICE	
Assessor Certification	Actual cost*
Assessor Tax Estimate	Actual cost*
Copy of Field Card, CAMA sheet, print screens, etc.	\$.25 per page
AUDITOR-TREASURER'S OFFICE (Minimum of returned overage in fees - \$10.01)	
Licenses and Permits:	
<i>Alcohol Licenses (M.S. 340.A)</i>	
On & Off Sale 3.2 Beer License (12 month)	\$100
On Sale 3.2 Beer License (12 month)	\$85
Off Sale 3.2 Beer License (12 month)	\$15
On & Off Sale 3.2 Beer License (6 month)	\$50
Temporary On Sale 3.2 Beer License (1 day; per permit)	\$15
On Sale Liquor License (12 month) (w/out Sunday)	\$2,000
Off Sale Liquor License (12 month)	\$300
Sunday On Sale Liquor License (12 month)	\$150
Bottle Club On Sale Liquor License (12 month)	\$330
Wine License (12 month)	\$150
Temporary On Sale Liquor License (1-4 day; per permit)	\$50
Setups	\$50
Auctioneer License (M.S. 330.01)	\$20
<i>Dance License</i>	
Dance (12 month)	\$50
Dance (1 day)	\$5
<i>Dangerous Dog License (M.S. 347.51)</i>	
Registration of a Dangerous Dog (one time)	\$50
Renewal Fee for a Dangerous Dog (annual renewal)	\$10
Dangerous Dog Sign	\$14 each
Dangerous Dog Tag	\$6 each
Fireworks Permit (M.S. 640.20)	\$25
Transient Merchant License (M.S. 329.11)	\$150
Fairgrounds Storage and Rental:	
Use of Grounds - w/o restrooms	\$150/day + \$300 deposit
Use of Grounds - with restrooms S of Prairie Motors	\$300/1st day, \$75/each add'l + \$500 deposit
Rental Expo Building	\$450/1st day, \$125/each add'l + \$1,000 deposit
Grandstand (Seating and Arena)	\$250/1st day, \$100/each add'l + \$500 deposit
Entertainment Pavilion	Contact Ag Society
Prairie Motors Building	Contact Ag Society
Winter Storage (Oct - May)	\$100 per item
Service Charges:	
Auditor Cert Bond	\$150
Certified Copy of Voter Registration	\$5
Confession of Judgment Program Fee	\$200 1 st parcel; \$50 each add'l
Ditch Lien Search	\$5 per parcel
Ditch Lien Release Prep Fee	\$5 per parcel
Duplicate Tax Statement	\$1
Duplicate Bill Fee	\$5 per parcel
Election Roster/Master List (non-Co. Elec.)	\$0.25 per page
Election/Admin Setup Fee (non-Co. Elec.)	\$250

*Actual costs can include cost of media, employee time to prepare, etc.
Postage expense borne by requestor.

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Service Charges:	
Election/Admin Setup Fee (alongwith Co. Elec.)	\$1 per ballot-
Escrow Refund Execution Fee	\$50
Forfeited Land List	No Fee
Mobile Home Clearance Sheet	\$5
Publication Cost	\$25
Repurchase Fee	\$250
Research Fee	Actual cost*
Special Assessment Setup Fee (less than 5 parcels)	\$5
Special Assesemnt Setup Fee (more than 5 parcels)	\$25
Special Assessment Service Fee	\$1/parcel
Special Assessment Search	\$5 per parcel
Standard Data Report Generation Fee	\$50 per request; If >1 hour then Research Fee applies
Tax Forfeiture – Admin Fee	\$250
Tax Search	\$5 per parcel
TIF Setup Fee	\$100
GIS/MIS OFFICE	
Maps:	
Minimum 24" or 36" paper roll	\$3.00/sq foot
Custom Map Setup	Hourly rate plus printing cost
Research Fee: Tax Mailing List/Data Research	Hourly rate plus printing cost
Mailing Costs: Map Tube	\$5 plus shipping
Labels: Setup / Per Page	\$5 and \$.50 per page
Highway Map	\$3
Plat Book	\$40 plus shipping
RECORDER'S OFFICE	
(Minimum of returned coverage in fees - \$10.01)	
Research Fee	\$50/hr
Uncertified Copy	\$1/page
Certified Copy	\$10
Copy of Plat (Certified or Non-Certified)	\$10
State or Federal Tax Lien Search	\$20
Certified Birth Certificate - 1st copy	\$26
Additional copies	\$19
Non-Certified Birth Certificate	\$13
Certified Death Certificate - 1st copy	\$13
Additional copies	\$6
Non-Certified Death Certificate	\$13
Marriage License - regular	\$115
Marriage License - reduced (Educators Statement required)	\$40
Marriage Certificate - each certified copy	\$9
Marriage: Consent for Minor to Marry	\$20
Marriage: Amendment to Application or License	\$20
Ordination Filing Fee	\$20
Notary Commission Filing Fee	\$20
Verification of Vital Record	\$9
Credit Card Charge (VitalCheck for vitals stat orders only)	\$7
Certified Copy of Coroner's Certificate	\$9
Certified Copy of Notary Commission	\$9
LandShark Fees: Initial set-up	\$50
Level 1 (up to 200 images)	\$50/month
Level 2 (up to 950 images)	\$100/month
Daily Access: (Credit Card usage only)	\$2.00 per image viewed
Recording Fee - except plats (abstract or torrens division)	\$46
Multiple Document cited - per # cited after first 4	\$10
Recording Fee for plats (abstract & torrens division)	\$56
Well Disclosure Certificate	\$50
State Deed Tax (discounted price submit DT1 form)	.0033 x sales price
Mortgage Registration Tax (discounted price submit MRT1 form)	.0023 x mortgage amount
Attested Copy of recording fee	\$2
Residue Certificate of Titles (Torrens division)	\$40
Cancelling a Certificate of Titles (Torrens division)	\$20
Exchange Certificate of Tiles (Torrens division) - per new Certificate	\$20
Entry of Memorial onto add'l Certificate - per certificate	\$20
Certificate of Possory Title (CPT)	(Contact Registrar of Titles)
Torrens Directive (contact Torrens Examiner)	(Not a county fee)

*Actual costs can include cost of media, employee time to prepare, etc.
Postage expense borne by requestor.

Todd County Planning & Zoning – 2024 Fee Schedule

A. Residential Construction		
1. Dwelling structure (<i>includes all floors</i>) (\$25.00 minimum)		\$ 12.00 Per 100 sq Ft.
2. Decks (a) 0 – 250 sq ft		\$ 50.00
(b) 251 sq ft and over		\$ 75.00
B. Accessory & Agricultural structures		
1. Non-residential structure (<i>cap of \$500 per structure</i>) (\$25 minimum)	\$ 8.00 Per 100 sq. Ft.	
2. Semi-trailers, Cargo Containers (two per parcel allowed in Cmm1 & AF1, AF2)	\$ 25.00 each	
3. Grain Bin (flat fee)	\$50.00 each	
C. Commercial & Industrial		
1. Per 100 sq ft of structure (<i>cap of \$500 per structure</i>) (Minimum \$25 fee)	\$8.00	
2. Commercial Towers over 100 ft (plus C.U.P)	\$500.00	
3. Mining or Gravel Pits (with or without C.U.P.) – valid for four years	\$300.00	
4. Adult Use Business Land Use Permit Fee	\$750.00	
D. Structural Alteration to Existing Conforming Structure or Dwelling	\$ 50.00	
Note: If making an outward expansion in any direction, use A, B or C above for fee. Structural alterations are those that affect supporting structural elements of the building and <u>do</u> require a permit – i.e roof rafters, foundation, outside walls, etc... Non-structural “normal maintenance” – shingles, doors, windows, siding, etc ... <u>do not</u> require a permit.		
E. Nonconforming Structure Replacement (a building permit will also need to be purchased)		
1. Major Construction (>50% rebuild of houses, sheds, boathouses)	\$300.00 + permit fee	
2. Minor Construction (decks, roof or foundation modification within ordinance)	\$150.00 + permit fee	
F. Shoreland Alteration Permits	\$250.00	
G. Shoreland Access Permits	\$150.00	
H. Recreational Vehicle Unit Permit	\$ 50.00	
I. Sewage Treatment Systems		
1. SSTS with site inspection and soils review	\$300.00	
2. Advanced SSTS with inspection (fee increases or decreases per actual cost)	\$1,500.00	
3. Cluster system (3+ homes)	\$200 + \$50 per tank installed	
J. Applications		
1. Conditional Use Permit (includes recording fee)	\$500.00 ATF=\$1000.00	
2. Variance Application (includes recording fee)	\$500.00 ATF= \$1000.00	
3. Administrative SSTS Variance (including recording fee)	\$150.00	
4. Administrative Acreage Cluster Application	\$150.00	
5. Rezoning Application (includes recording fee)	\$500.00	
6. Application to Plat: 1 – 4 lots (includes recording fee)	\$500 plus \$200 per lot	
5 lots & over (includes recording fee)	\$1,000 plus \$200 per lot	
7. Administrative Split, Property Line Adjustment, or Combining Parcels	\$50.00	
8. Planned Unit Development Review	\$250.00	
9. Environmental Assessment Worksheet Review	\$500.00	
10. Application to Amend Zoning Ordinance	\$700.00	
11. Appeal of Land Use Decision to Board of Adjustment	\$150.00	
K. Other Fees		
1. After-the fact charges	Up to 3 times the fee	
2. Special hearing fees	actual cost + application fee	
3. County Ordinance Copy	\$35.00	
4. Special Requests	staff hourly rates apply	
5. Permit renewal	\$25.00	
6. Permits to replace structures destroyed by “An act of God”	No Charge	
7. Administrative Penalty Order (only for Buffers Section 9.22)	\$50 to \$200/mo. Initial Violation	
	\$50 to \$200/day Repeat Violation	
8. Noncompliance Fee (1X First year, 2X Second year, 3X Third year)	\$1000.00	

(All Fees are non-refundable)

SHERIFF'S OFFICE FEE SCHEDULE

	<u>FEES</u>
• PERSONAL or ABODE service	50.00
• MILEAGE (computed on a round trip basis)	Current IRS Mileage Rate (\$0.655)
• FLAT FEE MILEAGE FOR CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE	5.00 Flat Fee
• WRIT OF EXECUTION (based on the amount collected or stipulated to by the parties as a result of a Sheriff's Levy + service fees and mileage)	5%
• WRITS OF EXECUTION returned unsatisfied	50.00
• POSTING NOTICE	50.00
• SECURING PROPERTIES seizure under Writ of Attachment, Writ of Restitution, etc. (for each Deputy involved)	50.00
• NOTIFICATION TO JUDGEMENT DEBTOR	10.00
• LEVY FEE on Writ of Execution	10.00
• SHERIFF'S SALES	
• JUDGEMENT & DECREE	100.00
• EXECUTION	100.00
• MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE	65.00
• OUTSIDE BIDDER CERTIFICATE	100.00
• MECHANIC LEIN	60.00
• LEIN	100.00
• UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE	60.00
• ABANDONED PROPERTY	60.00
• REDEMPTIONS:	
• FEE OWNER	200.00
• CREDITOR	200.00
• FILING REDEMPTION WITH SHERIFF'S OFFICE	50.00
Per Diem/Room and Board/Booking Fees	
• BOARD OF PRISONERS (for other counties)	\$60.00/day
• ROOM AND BOARD (Todd County)	\$25.00/day
• BOOKING FEE	\$25.00
Reports/Tapes	
• Accident and Police Reports	\$ 0.25 per page (up to 100 pages)
• Photo Reproduction	\$5.00 per CD
• Video, Audio and Voice Logger Tapes and CD's	\$5.00 each.
Drug Testing/Fingerprinting	
• Drug Tests	\$30.00
• PBT's	\$10.00
• Alcohol Tests for DOT	\$10.00
• Civilian Fingerprinting (ie. Employment, passport, adoption, etc.)	\$15.00
Impound/Evidence Storage	
Impound Storage – Outdoor	\$20.00 per day after the 3 rd day
Impound Storage – Indoor	\$20.00 per day after the 3 rd day.
Evidence Storage	\$ 5.00 per day after two weeks of case closing.
Escorts/Private Security	
Deputy Time	\$70.00 per hour (Two Hour Minimum)

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2024 Todd County Public Works Fee Schedule		
Item	Unit	Unit Cost
Materials		
Bituminous Patch Mix - Sales Markup	Ton	Cost + 15%
Road Salt - Sales Markup	Ton	Cost + 15%
Road Salt/Sand - Sales Markup	Ton	Cost + 15%
Winter Sand - Sales Markup	Ton	Cost + 15%
Bituminous Patch Mix	Pail	\$ 10.00
Road Salt/Sand	Pail	\$ 5.00
Road Salt	Pail	\$ 25.00
Winter Sand	Pail	\$ 2.00
Supplies		
Metal Culvert - Sales Markup	Each	Cost + 30%
Metal Culvert - Delivery (0 -10 miles)	Lump Sum	\$ 150.00
Metal Culvert - Delivery (11 - 20 miles)	Lump Sum	\$ 200.00
Metal Culvert - Delivery (21 miles and over)	Lump Sum	\$ 250.00
Road Sign - Sales Markup (Government Sales Only)	Each	Cost + 15%
Sign Post - Markup (Government Sales Only)	Each	Cost + 15%
Mailbox Support	Each	Cost + 15%
Used Sign Post	Each	\$ 3.00
Used Cutting Edge	Each	\$ 15.00
Permits		
Entrance Permit	Each	\$ 300.00
Moving Permit	Each	No Charge
Right of Way Permit	Each	No Charge
Special Event Permit	Each	No Charge
Utility Permit	Each	No Charge
Labor and Equipment Rates		
Heavy Equipment Rate	Hour	Cost + 10%
Employee Labor Rate	Hour	Cost + 10%
Beaver Trapping	Each	\$ 100.00

FEE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

I. TODD COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES FEE POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT

Todd County Health & Human Services is a county-operated and State supervised organization established to provide therapeutic, educational, supportive and consultative services for persons experiencing financial, health, or social problems.

In order to support the variety of services this Agency provides to Todd County residents, the Todd County Board must supplement Federal and State funds with local tax dollars. Fees charged to service recipients by this Agency are primarily used to offset the amount of local taxes required. The collection of fees is either mandated or permitted by State Statute/Rule (Minnesota Statute 256M.60, subd. 6; Chapter 402; Chapter 393; Minnesota Statutes 252.27, Chapter 119B; 260B.331; 260C.331; 373.41; 245A.10; 245.481, 254B, 256M) or Health & Human Services Board authorization.

Sliding fee scales are typically based upon the annual gross income and household size of the service recipient(s). People who are fee-eligible are billed on a monthly basis for services provided. At no time does a charged fee exceed the total cost of the services provided. Fee scales will be adjusted annually to the Federal Poverty Level or if necessary to comply with any Federal or State Statute or Regulation. All fees are subject to change with State statute changes.

II. SERVICES ELIGIBLE FOR FEE

The following services (provided or purchased) are eligible for a fee/charge:

- A. Child Care Licensing/Renewal
- B. Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Comprehensive Assessments
- C. Corporate Adult Foster Care Licensing/Renewal
- D. Detoxification Services
- E. Food, Pools & Lodging Licenses
- F. Out-of-Home Placements (including Emergency Shelter)
- G. Public Health Services
- H. Release of Records
- I. Step Parent Adoption Background Studies / Post Placement Assessments
- J. Representative Payee Program
- K. Other Purchased Services

III. DEFINITIONS AND DESCRIPTIONS

Definition: Income includes, but is not limited to, income received from wages or salaries, net income (excluding depreciation) from self-employment, net farm income (excluding depreciation), Social Security payments, dividends, interest, rent received, royalties, pensions, annuities, Unemployment Compensation, Workmen's Compensation, alimony, child support, Veteran's pensions, or any combination of these sources of income.

Definition: Adjusted Gross Household Income shall mean total annualized cash receipts before tax deductions from all sources of income for all members of a household.

Definition: Household Size shall mean all persons who occupy a housing unit, whether they are related to each other or not.

Definition: Federal Poverty Level is the annual income level based upon household size and adjusted gross household income as defined in the annually updated poverty guidelines of the Federal Register under the authority of the Federal Health and Human Services Department.

DESCRIPTIONS:

A. CHILD CARE LICENSING/RENEWAL

1. Licensing/Renewal Applications

Applicants requesting an initial child care license are assessed a fee of \$50.00 for a one-year license. Applicants renewing a child care license are assessed a \$50.00 fee for a one-year license or \$100 for a two-year license. No fee will be charged for an additional licensing inspection for a change of premise (See Appendix A).

2. Background Study

Applicants requesting a child care license are responsible for completing required criminal background checks, including costs associated with obtaining a background study.

B. SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER (SUD) COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENTS

A client may be charged a fee up to \$200.00 for a Substance Use Disorder Comprehensive Assessment based on gross income, using the Social Services Agency Sliding Fee Scale. Those persons whose income is below 100% of Federal Poverty Level will not be assessed a fee (See Appendix D).

C. CORPORATE ADULT FOSTER CARE LICENSING/RENEWAL

1. Background

Minnesota Statute 245A.10, Subd. 2(e), indicates that a county agency may charge a fee to an adult or child Foster Care corporate applicant or corporate license holder to recover the actual cost of licensing inspections, not to exceed \$500.00 annually. This law was effective August 1, 2008.

2. Policy

Todd County Health & Human Services charges \$500.00 for an initial two-year license and bi-annual renewals, to recover the costs of the licensing inspection at the time of initial application and renewal application for each corporate foster care application.

3. Procedure

Payment of \$500.00 for licensing inspection per foster home must be received by Todd County Health & Human Services along with a signed application for a corporation foster care license, before licensing inspections will take place for new licensing or renewal. In no case will fees be returned for licensing inspections if the corporate foster home is not licensed.

D. DETOXIFICATION SERVICES

Fees for chemical abuse detoxification services are charged to persons whose household income is above the Federal Poverty Level. The fee will be based on the total cost incurred by Todd County for the service. The fee is charged using the Social Services Agency Sliding Fee Scale. Those persons whose income is below 100% of Federal Poverty Level will not be assessed a fee (See Appendix D).

E. FOOD, POOLS & LODGING LICENSES

The purpose of Food, Pools & Lodging licenses are to provide standard fees for establishments including food and beverage establishments, lodging establishments, manufactured home parks, recreational camping areas, special events, youth camps and public swimming pools and spas to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens and visitors of Todd County. Applications may be obtained on the Todd County website (Environmental Health Fee Schedule-see Appendix F).

F. OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENTS – Parental Fee Policy

The purpose of a parental fee assessment is to determine the ability of the parents to continue to provide financial support for their child/children while in out of home placement. The parental fee assessment focuses on the parent(s) who had physical custody when the child left the family home and non-custodial parents who do not pay child support. Parental fees will apply to the parents of a child taken

into custody either voluntarily or involuntarily by Todd County Health and Human Services.

Any child support due on behalf of the child will be redirected to Todd County, where allowed by State statute or State policy. The child support program will continue to manage child support from the non-custodial parent. No parental fee will be assessed to a non-custodial parent who is currently paying child support.

No fee will apply to parents who are currently on cash and food assistance or that will become eligible for cash and /or food support assistance as soon as the child returns home. If the child is IV-E eligible, no parental fee will be assessed.

Placement costs for children placed out of the home less than 7 days will be the responsibility of the parent, regardless of parental income. No reduction will be made to the total placement cost.

Some children that enter foster care have unearned income. A child's unearned income is defined as income and resources attributable to the child including but not limited to social security, SSI, veteran's benefits, railroad retirement benefits, adoption subsidies, child support, trust and conservatorships. All of the child's income must be remitted to Todd County for the cost of the child's care. See MN Statute 260B and 260C (See Appendix B-C).

G. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

Public Health Services include public health nurse home visiting, public health nursing clinics, dental varnishing, lead screening, immunizations, and other health related and family-based services. Fees are assessed when no third-party payment or grants are available (See Appendix E).

H. RELEASE OF RECORDS

It is the policy of Todd County Health and Human Services to follow State Statute 144.292 for patient access to health records, notice of patient rights, release of information, copies of health records, allowable costs and situations when health records may be withheld from a patient (See Appendix G).

Todd County Health & Human Services will charge fees to provide non-health related records according to the Todd County Fee Schedule / General County fees in place on the date of the request. Requests for data are directed to: Todd County Health & Human Services, Attn: Data Request. Appropriate signed releases, verification of identity, and payment are required prior to the release of any agency records.

I. STEP PARENT ADOPTION

- **Background Studies**

Changes to Minnesota Statutes 245A and 260 effective July 2007 require step-parents to submit fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Department of Human Services prior to a finalization of the adoption. Payment of \$15.00 for the background study is due when step parent returns completed fingerprint card(s), receipt from Sheriff's department, Authorization & Release of Information forms, and Consent and Request for Law Enforcement and Agency Records form to Todd County Health and Human Services. Payment may be made by personal check or money order to Todd County Health and Human Services

- **Post Placement Assessments**

Court ordered Post Placement Assessments for step parent adoptions are provided by a Social Worker in the Health & Human Services department. Cost for the assessment is \$250.00 for an assessment that does not exceed two hours. Assessments requiring longer time may be charged an additional hourly rate of \$125.00. The maximum charge for a post placement assessment is \$500.00

J. REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE PROGRAM

Social Security's Representative Payment Program (Rep Payee) provides financial management for

the Social Security (SS) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payment of beneficiaries, who are incapable of managing their SS or SSI payments. When friends and family are not able to serve as a payee, Social Security Administration (SSA) looks for qualified organizations to be a representative payee.

Todd County administers this program under MN Statute 524.5-502 – Compensation and Expenses. If there is a fee charged for this service, it will be no more than the maximum allowed by SSA, unless specific criteria are met. The charge may increase each year due to an annual Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) and with notice to the client.

K. OTHER SERVICES

Third party payment will be sought by a Provider prior to the County paying for the cost of a service. The County is the payor of last resort. If the County pays any of the cost of services, including but not limited to: psychological evaluations, 72 hour holds, pre-commitment costs, commitment costs or child day treatment, etc. reimbursement may be sought from the client, or the client's parent(s) if the client is a minor, based on their ability to pay using the Agency Sliding Fee Scale. The fee is based on the full cost of the service, less any third-party payments. (See Appendix D)

IV. REVENUE RECAPTURE

Todd County Health & Human Services (TCHHS) files revenue recapture on debts with a balance owing, according to guidelines outlined in MN Statute 270A.03. The client is notified by mail of this action within the timeline requirements of the Statute.

This policy includes client accounts that have been charged the full cost of service due to non-cooperation with the fee process, the debt has not been reduced to judgment, and all appeal rights have expired. Also included are debts incurred on a sliding fee scale remaining unpaid at the end of each calendar year. Outstanding debts may be filed for revenue recapture at other times as deemed necessary.

When money is received from a Department of Revenue intercept and the intercept pays the full balance of the client account, TCHHS will release the debt and consider the claim paid in full.

When money is received from a Department of Revenue intercept and the intercept pays only a portion of the client's account, the payment will be applied to the client account to reduce the balance owing.

1. If the fee owed to TCHHS is less than the intercepted amount, no refund will be given to the client, but the account will be reduced to zero. Overpayment of fees owed will be returned to the MN Department of Revenue.
2. If the fee owed to TCHHS is more than the intercepted amount, the account will be reduced to the remaining fee balance owed.

V. CO-PAYMENTS, DEDUCTIBLES, SPENDDOWNS

Todd County Health & Human Services (TCHHS) will not be financially responsible for co-payments or deductibles due a provider on behalf of a client.

TCHHS remains the payor of last resort. Providers must bill for any available third-party financial coverage prior to billing TCHHS for any remaining balance. Providers will be required to include an Explanation of Benefits and/or denial notice from any third-party carrier when sending TCHHS billings for any balance owed.

TCHHS will bill clients directly for any spenddown or deductible. Failure to pay a spenddown or deductible may result in further collection action, which may include revenue recapture, collection charge(s), garnishment, and/or legal action.

If a client receives payment directly from an insurance company for services rendered, that client is responsible to turn over all payments to the provider/billing agent within seven (7) days of receipt. Failure to turn over payments may result in further collection action, which may include billing for the full cost of the service, revenue recapture, collection charge(s), garnishment, and/or legal action.

Only in a hardship situation will TCHHS consider payment of a client's co-payment or deductible. A hardship situation may include a provider refusing services to a client without payment of co-payment or deductible by TCHHS. Any hardship requests will be forwarded to the Unit Manger to make recommendation to the Agency Director.

If contract language states that TCHHS must provide or pay in advance for services, any co-payments, deductibles or spenddown owing will be billed to the responsible party. For payments made to a provider, the provider needs to submit copies of the Explanation of Benefits and/or denial of services in order to receive payment.

VI. APPEAL PROCEDURES

A client may appeal to the Agency, if he/she feels that a fee should be waived or varied for special and unusual circumstances.

Appeal procedures are as follows:

1. A client who appeals must do so in writing, stating the reasons a fee should be waived.
2. An appeal must be filed within thirty (30) days of the first billing of a fee. The appeal shall be directed to the Collections Officer.
3. When a fee variance request concerns an account with a total balance less than \$250, that request will be approved/denied by the Agency Director.
4. When a fee variance is requested for an account with a balance exceeding \$250, a panel of three (3) Health & Human Services Supervisors review the request and determine if the waiver request will be recommended and for what length of time. The requestor may be asked for further information beyond what is initially submitted. The Collections Officer will notify the requestor with the date and time of the review hearing.
5. If the request for waiver or variance is denied, the results of internal appeal hearings are presented to the Health & Human Services Director for approval. The requestor will be informed if any further appeal is available (i.e., County Health & Human Services Board, or Minnesota Department of Human Services).
6. If the fee is Court Ordered, the fee payor may request the Court to modify the fee.

VII. BAD DEBT WRITE OFF POLICY

A debt owed to Todd County Health & Human Services may be written off if it meets the following criteria:

1. When a debt has reached the Statute of Limitations (6 years non-judgment, 10 years judgment) without payment, the debt may be decertified for revenue recapture and written off.
 - Exception: if payment is made on the claim, the date of the last payment is used to establish the beginning date for the Statute of Limitations.
 - Exception: If the debtor is known to own real property and the debt is in judgment, then the judgment should continue to be renewed.
2. Bankruptcy – if the debt is discharged by the federal bankruptcy court within Chapters 7 or 13, the debt may be decertified for revenue recapture and written off.
3. Death – when debtor is deceased and all collection efforts have been exercised for two years, the debt may be decertified for revenue recapture and written off.
4. Minimum balance accounts - when the debt is \$15 or under with no response or payment after 90 days, the debt may be written off.

5. Spenddowns and fees charged directly to a client for Public Health services may be written off when a client is closed to services, no payment has been made on account and after further collection attempts (revenue recapture) have been exhausted. Clients open to current Public Health Services may not receive a write off for money owed to the Agency. In the case of death, fees owing for Public Health Services are subject to VII.3, above.

A debt may include all fees identified by policy, fees related to court actions, personal service fees, in home fees, reimbursement of child's income or any other miscellaneous fees. This bad-debt write off policy does not apply to Medical Assistance estate recovery.

VIII. APPENDICES – POLICIES, FEE SCHEDULES

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Appendix A

Child Care Licensing Policy

1. A signed application and a money order or cashier's check for \$50.00 must be made out to Todd County Health & Human Services and received by Todd County Health & Human Services before any licensing processing will begin. Cash or personal checks will not be accepted. At renewal, providers may choose to purchase a one-year license for \$50.00, or a two-year license for \$100.00.
2. In no case will fees be returned for background studies that result in the family child care home not being licensed.
3. Fees will not be returned for licensing inspections that result in the family child care home not being licensed. Homes choosing not to complete the license process due to results of the fire inspection and not wanting to make necessary changes or for their own personal reasons will not be reimbursed their application fee.
4. If notified your home will require a State Fire Marshal inspection, applicant is responsible for the additional fees required for that inspection. There is a \$50.00 fee for each home inspection by the Fire Marshal. (MN Statute 245A.151). This requires a cashier's check or money order made out to "State Fire Marshal."
5. All fees are subject to change with State statute changes.
6. Detailed information to begin the child care licensing process may be found on the Todd County website.

Appendix B

Out of Home Placements - Parental Fee Calculation

Household Size: Parents and their dependent children under age 18, whether or not they are temporarily absent from the household, are considered household members. Adult children (no longer in high school and 18 years old) living with their parents are considered a separate household.

Household Income: Household income includes but not limited to gross wages, social security, veteran's benefits, pensions, worker's compensation, re-employment insurance, insurance benefits or payments, union or strike benefits, maintenance, loans, grants or scholarships, income from trusts, stock dividends, interest, lump sum payments, contract for deed income or rental income. Step parent income is not considered as income for the purposes of establishing a parental fee.

There is **no maximum fee**; however, the fee will never exceed the cost of care. Any payments received from a third party, such as an insurance company, will be deducted from the cost of care. The combination of the child's unearned income, third party recovery and the parental fee will not exceed the child's cost of care. A parent must remit to Todd County Health and Human Services, any health insurance benefits received on behalf of the child.

Parents who refuse to provide income information or household size shall be considered financially responsible for the full cost of out of home placement. Parental non-cooperation will also be reported to the County Attorney and the Courts.

Revenue Recapture: Unpaid parental fees will be submitted to the Minnesota Department of Revenue for recoupment.

Federal Poverty Level: No parental fee will be assessed for families earning less than the federal poverty level for family size including the child/children in out of home placement.

Appendix C

Out of Home Placements - Parental Fee Schedule

<u>Hourly Earnings</u>		<u>Monthly Earnings</u>		<u>Children in Household</u>			
				<u>1 Child</u>	<u>2 Children</u>	<u>3 Children</u>	<u>4 or More Children</u>
\$ -	to \$ 8.99	\$ -	to \$ 1,158.00	0	0	0	0
\$ 9.00	to \$ 11.00	\$ 1,159.00	to \$ 1,905.00	3%	4%	5%	6%
\$ 11.01	to \$ 12.00	\$ 1,906.00	to \$ 2,078.00	4%	4%	5%	6%
\$ 12.01	to \$ 13.00	\$ 2,079.00	to \$ 2,252.00	4%	4%	5%	6%
\$ 13.01	to \$ 14.00	\$ 2,253.00	to \$ 2,425.00	4%	5%	5%	6%
\$ 14.01	to \$ 15.00	\$ 2,426.00	to \$ 2,598.00	5%	5%	5%	6%
\$ 15.01	to \$ 16.00	\$ 2,599.00	to \$ 2,771.00	5%	6%	6%	7%
\$ 16.01	to \$ 17.00	\$ 2,772.00	to \$ 2,944.00	6%	6%	7%	8%
\$ 17.01	to \$ 18.00	\$ 2,945.00	to \$ 3,118.00	7%	8%	8%	8%
\$ 18.01	and over	\$ 3,119.00	and over	Use one half of the child support calculator			

% of parental fee charged is based on earnings and number of children in household

Appendix D

**Todd County Health & Human Services
Social Services Agency Sliding Fee Scale**

<u>Annual Household Income as a % of Federal Poverty</u>	<u>Client share of cost based on % of Poverty</u>
0-100%	-
100-200%	10%
201-250%	20%
251-300%	30%
301-350%	40%
351-400%	50%
401-450%	60%
451-500%	70%
501-550%	80%
551-600%	90%
over 600%	100%

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% of Poverty based on Household size
Federal Poverty Level Adjusted Annually

[Minnesota Statutes, section 256M.60](#), subdivision 6 specifies that county boards must not charge social services fees to persons or families whose adjusted gross household income is below the poverty level established by Federal Poverty Guidelines. The statute is cited below:

Subdivision 6. Fees for services. The county board may establish a schedule of fees based upon clients' ability to pay to be charged to recipients of children and community services. Payment, in whole or in part, for services may be accepted from any person except that no fee may be charged to persons or families whose adjusted gross household income is below the federal poverty level. When services are provided to any person, including a recipient of aids administered by the Federal, State, or County government, payment of any charges due may be billed to and accepted from a public assistance agency or from any public or private corporation.

Appendix E

**TODD COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
PUBLIC HEALTH FEE SCHEDULE**

• Blood Sugar (Glucose)	\$10.00
• Cholesterol	\$10.00
• Dental Varnishing	\$20.00
• Hemoglobin	\$20.00
• Infant/Child Car Seat Donation	\$20.00
• Lead Screening	\$20.00
• Influenza Vaccination	Cost of vaccine plus admin fee
• MnVFC/UUAV/Vaccine Admin Fee as set by MDH	\$21.22 per vaccine Maximum \$65.00/person
• Public Health Nursing Home Visit	\$180.00
• Public Health Nursing Office Visit	\$130.00
• Car Seat Education	\$130.00

TCHHS accepts Medical Assistance; inquire at time of service - no one will be denied services due to an inability to pay

<p align="center">BASE FEE</p> <p>Base Fee for Food, Beverage, School, Lodging, Manufactured Home Park, Recreational Vehicle, Campgrounds, Pool/Spa, and Sexually Oriented Business</p> <p align="center">LATE PAYMENT PENALTY FEE</p>	<p align="center">\$200.00</p> <p align="center">\$200.00</p>	<p align="center">RE-INSPECTION FEE</p> <p>Applicable to all licensed establishments</p> <p align="right">After hours or weekend</p> <p align="center">ADMINISTRATIVE PENALIES (3rd NOTICE VIOLATION)</p> <p>Non-Food Violation (per violation)</p> <p>Priority 2 & 3 (per violation)</p> <p>Priority 1 (per violation)</p> <p>Critical-Imminent Health Hazard (per violation)</p>	<p align="right">\$150.00</p> <p align="right">\$250.00</p> <p align="right">\$50.00</p> <p align="right">\$50.00</p> <p align="right">\$100.00</p> <p align="right">\$300.00</p>
<p align="center">FOOD/BEVERAGE SERVICE</p> <p>Limited Food Menu</p> <p>Small Establishment</p> <p>Medium Establishment</p> <p>Large Establishment</p> <p>Each Additional Kitchen</p> <p>Catering Food Service</p> <p>Mobile Unit/Food Cart</p> <p>Mobile Unit/Food Cart with Catering</p> <p>Seasonal Permanent Food Stand</p> <p>Seasonal Temporary Food Stand</p> <p align="right">Schools</p> <p>Schools (2nd inspection fee)</p> <p align="right">Beer or Wine Table Service</p> <p align="right">Alcohol Service from Bar</p>	<p align="right">\$50.00</p> <p align="right">\$90.00</p> <p align="right">\$215.00</p> <p align="right">\$370.00</p> <p align="right">\$120.00</p> <p align="right">\$215.00</p> <p align="right">\$250.00</p> <p align="right">\$375.00</p> <p align="right">\$225.00</p> <p align="right">\$225.00</p> <p align="right">\$235.00</p> <p align="right">\$235.00</p> <p align="right">\$40.00</p> <p align="right">\$115.00</p>	<p align="center">SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS</p> <p align="right">Live on site</p> <p>Initial Investigative Fee</p> <p>Criminal Background Check</p> <p>Annual license</p> <p align="right">Media on site</p> <p>Initial Investigative Fee</p> <p>Criminal Background Check</p> <p>Annual license</p> <p align="center"><i>For details, please refer to the Todd County Ordinance Regulating Sexually Oriented Businesses.</i></p>	<p align="right">\$2120.00</p> <p align="right">\$530.00</p> <p align="right">\$1060.00</p> <p align="right">\$1060.00</p> <p align="right">\$530.00</p> <p align="right">\$530.00</p>
<p align="center">LODGING</p> <p>Per unit or bedroom</p> <p align="center">MFG HOME PK, RV, CAMPGROUNDS</p> <p align="right">Per site</p>	<p align="right">\$10.00</p> <p align="right">\$5.00</p>	<p align="center">YOUTH CAMPS</p> <p>200 or less campers</p> <p>201 – 400 campers</p> <p>401 or more campers</p>	<p align="right">\$410.00</p> <p align="right">\$570.00</p> <p align="right">\$735.00</p>
<p align="center">POOL/SPA</p> <p>Public Swimming Pool/Spa</p>	<p align="right">\$145.00</p>	<p align="center">WATER/SEWER</p> <p>Individual Water and/or Sewer</p> <p>Additional wells (each)</p> <p>Repeat water test (each)</p>	<p align="right">\$70.00</p> <p align="right">\$35.00</p> <p align="right">\$150.00</p>
<p align="center">SPECIAL EVENT FOOD STAND</p> <p>Special Event Food Stand</p> <p>Discount for Food Safety Training</p> <p>Late Fee for Food Stand</p>	<p align="right">\$45.00</p> <p align="right">\$10.00</p> <p align="right">\$10.00</p>	<p align="center">SPECIAL EVENT CAMPING AREA</p> <p>Base Fee</p> <p>5-25 sites</p> <p>26-50 sites</p> <p>51-75 sites</p> <p>76-100 sites</p> <p>101-200 sites</p> <p>201 and up</p> <p>Maximum SECA fee</p> <p>Late fee</p>	<p align="right">\$45.00</p> <p align="right">\$40.00</p> <p align="right">\$85.00</p> <p align="right">\$115.00</p> <p align="right">\$175.00</p> <p align="right">\$275.00</p> <p align="right">\$520.00</p> <p align="right">\$520.00</p> <p align="right">\$20.00</p>
<p align="center">PLAN REVIEW*</p> <p>Remodel Existing/New Small Construction</p> <p>Construct/Convert New Establishment</p> <p><i>* Pool/Spa Plan Reviews are done by MDH.</i></p>	<p align="right">\$215.00</p> <p align="right">\$320.00</p>	<p>➤ New business/owners opening during the year will pay a pro-rated fee according to the following schedule: Jan-June= 100%, July-Dec= 50%</p>	

2022 Minnesota Statutes

144.292 PATIENT RIGHTS.

Subdivision 1. **Scope.**

Patients have the rights specified in this section regarding the treatment the patient receives and the patient's health record.

Subd. 2. **Patient access.**

Upon request, a provider shall supply to a patient within 30 calendar days of receiving a written request for medical records complete and current information possessed by that provider concerning any diagnosis, treatment, and prognosis of the patient in terms and language the patient can reasonably be expected to understand.

Subd. 3. **Additional patient rights.**

A patient's right specified in this section and sections [144.293](#) to [144.298](#) are in addition to the rights specified in sections [144.651](#) and [144.652](#) and any other provision of law relating to the access of a patient to the patient's health records.

Subd. 4. **Notice of rights; information on release.**

A provider shall provide to patients, in a clear and conspicuous manner, a written notice concerning practices and rights with respect to access to health records. The notice must include an explanation of:

- (1) disclosures of health records that may be made without the written consent of the patient, including the type of records and to whom the records may be disclosed; and
- (2) the right of the patient to have access to and obtain copies of the patient's health records and other information about the patient that is maintained by the provider.

The notice requirements of this subdivision are satisfied if the notice is included with the notice and copy of the patient and resident bill of rights under section [144.652](#) or if it is displayed prominently in the provider's place of business. The commissioner of health shall develop the notice required in this subdivision and publish it in the State Register.

Subd. 5. **Copies of health records to patients.**

Except as provided in section [144.296](#), upon a patient's written request, a provider, at a reasonable cost to the patient, shall furnish to the patient within 30 calendar days of receiving a written request for medical records:

- (1) copies of the patient's health record, including but not limited to laboratory reports, x-rays, prescriptions, and other technical information used in assessing the patient's health conditions; or
- (2) the pertinent portion of the record relating to a condition specified by the patient.

With the consent of the patient, the provider may instead furnish only a summary of the record. The provider may exclude from the health record written speculations about the patient's health condition, except that all information necessary for the patient's informed consent must be provided.

Subd. 6. **Cost.**

(a) When a patient requests a copy of the patient's record for purposes of reviewing current medical care, the provider must not charge a fee.

(b) When a provider or its representative makes copies of patient records upon a patient's request under this section, the provider or its representative may charge the patient or the patient's representative no more than 75 cents per page, plus \$10 for time spent retrieving and copying the records, unless other law or a rule or contract provide for a lower maximum charge. This limitation does not apply to x-rays. The provider may charge a patient no more

than the actual cost of reproducing x-rays, plus no more than \$10 for the time spent retrieving and copying the x-rays.

(c) The respective maximum charges of 75 cents per page and \$10 for time provided in this subdivision are in effect for calendar year 1992 and may be adjusted annually each calendar year as provided in this subdivision. The permissible maximum charges shall change each year by an amount that reflects the change, as compared to the previous year, in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers, Minneapolis-St. Paul (CPI-U), published by the Department of Labor.

(d) A provider or its representative may charge the \$10 retrieval fee, but must not charge a per page fee to provide copies of records requested by a patient or the patient's authorized representative if the request for copies of records is for purposes of appealing a denial of Social Security disability income or Social Security disability benefits under title II or title XVI of the Social Security Act; except that no fee shall be charged to a patient who is receiving public assistance, or to a patient who is represented by an attorney on behalf of a civil legal services program or a volunteer attorney program based on indigency. For the purpose of further appeals, a patient may receive no more than two medical record updates without charge, but only for medical record information previously not provided. For purposes of this paragraph, a patient's authorized representative does not include units of state government engaged in the adjudication of Social Security disability claims.

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Subd. 7. Withholding health records from patient.

(a) If a provider, as defined in section [144.291, subdivision 2](#), paragraph (i), clause (1), reasonably determines that the information is detrimental to the physical or mental health of the patient, or is likely to cause the patient to inflict self harm, or to harm another, the provider may withhold the information from the patient and may supply the information to an appropriate third party or to another provider, as defined in section [144.291, subdivision 2](#), paragraph (i), clause (1). The other provider or third party may release the information to the patient.

(b) A provider, as defined in section [144.291, subdivision 2](#), paragraph (i), clause (3), shall release information upon written request unless, prior to the request, a provider, as defined in section [144.291, subdivision 2](#), paragraph (i), clause (1), has designated and described a specific basis for withholding the information as authorized by paragraph (a).

Subd. 8. Form.

By January 1, 2008, the Department of Health must develop a form that may be used by a patient to request access to health records under this section. A form developed by the commissioner must be accepted by a provider as a legally enforceable request under this section.

History:

[2007 c 147 art 10 s 3](#); [2012 c 247 art 2 s 4](#); [2020 c 83 art 2 s 3](#); [2020 c 115 art 1 s 10,11](#); [2022 c 98 art 1 s 7](#)

Todd County

MINNESOTA



Todd County Solid Waste

30433 US Highway 71

Browerville, MN 56438

Phone: 320-594-2210

Fax: 320-594-3022

Hours: Open Monday -Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

WINTER SATURDAY HOURS: ONLY 3rd Saturday of Month November - March

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Garbage	(Assorted material that is not specifically identified on this list)*	
	ALL GARBAGE MUST BE WEIGHED - Minimum Charge	\$4.00
	Price Per Pound for self-haulers (\$160/ton)	\$0.08
	For Licensed Haulers (per ton)	\$145.00
	Discount for Contracted Haulers (per ton)	\$10.00
	Unsorted Load Fee (per ton)	\$270.00
Furniture	(couches, chairs, dressers, etc.)	\$10.00
Mattresses, Box springs and Hide-a-bed		\$15.00
Electronics	VCRs, Stereos, printers, satellite boxes, etc.	\$5.00
	Computer monitors/TV's	\$10.00
	Commercial Copiers	\$20.00
Bulbs		
	Flourescent bulb ballast	\$5.00
	Flourescent bulb 4' and 8'	\$1.00
	Mercury Vapor	\$5.00
Appliances		
	Freon (refrigerators, freezers, A/C units, etc.)	\$10.00
	Non Freon (stoves, dishwashers, washers, dryers, etc.)	\$5.00
Propane Tanks	(20 pounds and larger)	\$5.00
Tires		
	Passenger vehicle (each, without rim)	\$5.00
	Passenger vehicle (each, with rim)	\$10.00
	Semi Tire (each, withouth rim)	\$15.00
	Large tractor Tires	\$20.00
	Tires (per ton)	\$290.00
Construction and Demolition Waste (per State Statute)		
	Large Quantity (10 CY or more) price per cubic yard	\$16.00
	Demolition (Transfer Station) price per yard	\$18.00
	Sort Fee Per Cubic Yard	\$10.00
	Clean Shingles (Transfer Station) per cubic yard	\$7.00

Clean Shingles (Landfill) price per cubic yard	\$6.00
Concrete (Transfer Station) per cubic yard	\$9.00
Concrete (Landfill) per cubic yard	\$5.00
Demolition Landfill Gate Fee	\$10.00
Stumps	*not accepted*

Scale Fee	(for personal use)	\$3.00
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Compost & Woodchips Loading Fee

Loaded with skidsteer (per scoop)	\$5.00
Loaded with Front End Loader (per scoop)	\$15.00

No Charge Items	(Recyclables, Brush, Leaves, Grass clippings, Auto batteries, Compost and Scrap iron)
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HHW	Household Hazardous Waste - Paints, Automobile products, Pesticides, acids, bases, solvents, flammables	No charge
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No Charge - Open May to September

CREDIT CARD PROCESSING FEES

Per Transaction	\$1.50
Per Transaction (Over \$60)	2.50%

PARCEL FEE

Residential Dwelling	\$54.00
Commercial Business, Minimum Amount	\$54.00
Commercial Business, per ton after first ton	\$44.00

RECYCLABLES

In County Recyclables Processing per ton	No Charge
Out of County Recyclables Processing per ton	\$80.00
Subsidy per month per household for curbside collection	\$0.75

SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND TRANSPORTATION LICENSE

Annual License Fee (include one vehicle)	\$100.00
Additional Vehicle (per year each additional vehicle)	\$10.00
Non-cancellable surety bond	\$5,000.00
Auto Liability Combined Single Limit	\$1,000,000
Commercial General Liability	
Each Occurrence	\$1,000,000
General Aggregate	\$2,000,000
Products and Completed Operations Aggregate	\$2,000,000
Personal Injury and Advertising Injury	\$1,000,000
Fire Damage	\$100,000

NOTES

1. FEES AS SHOWN INCLUDE STATE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT TAX (17% FOR MSW AND \$0.60/CY FOR CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION WASTE) EXCEPT FOR MSW RATE FOR LICENSED HAULERS.
2. SCALEHOUSE HAS FINAL SAY ON RATES TO BE CHARGED