

2018-2019 BUDGET QUESTION
Response to Request for Information

DEPARTMENT: Financial Services – Budget

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REQUEST: Please provide fee waiver data for all departments for FY 2018.

RESPONSE: Starting April 1, 2018, the City implemented a fee waiver tracking process in accordance with the recommendation issued in the November 2017 Fee Waivers Audit Report. In summary, the value of fees waived are tracked within the City’s financial system by department, revenue type, and waiver category. The waiver categories are:

Events—Includes fees waived in conjunction with Resolution No. 021003-40 (\$6,000 Council allowance); for events listed in Exhibit B of Ordinance No. 20170913-002; events managed by the City of Austin (i.e. Austin New Year’s Eve); and all other events.

SMART Housing—Fees waived in conjunction with Ordinance No. 2071129-100.

Construction—Includes fees waived in conjunction with a construction project.

City Departments—Includes fees waived for another City department.

Other Waivers—Includes various and miscellaneous waivers such as those related to street name changes, free entry into pools or parks, hanging of banners, receipt of royalties, and any other item that does not fit into a more specific category.

The table below provides the amounts of fees waived since April 1, the launch of the tracking process, and July 31, the end of the most recent fiscal period. Please note that there may be additional fee waiver amounts that are not included on the attached report because the accounting change went into effect after some invoices were already issued and therefore not captured in the accounting system. This is a one-time issue associated with the start of a new process.

| Waiver Category/Department | Total Waived Fees |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Fee Waivers - Events | (\$80,728) |
| Austin Transportation | (\$2,800) |
| Emergency Medical Services | (\$77,928) |
| Fee Waivers - Other | (\$1,656,664) |
| Austin Transportation | (\$4,532) |
| Austin Water | (\$8,118) |
| AW - Wastewater CIPs | (\$290,100) |
| AW - Water CIPs | (\$757,450) |
| Development Services | (\$568,217) |
| Development Services CIPs | (\$4,437) |
| Planning and Zoning | (\$22,231) |
| Watershed Protection | (\$1,579) |
| Fee Waivers - SMART Housing | (\$2,390,450) |
| Austin Energy CIPs | (\$25,481) |
| Austin Transportation | (\$2,830) |
| Austin Water | (\$2,694) |
| AW - Wastewater CIPs | (\$516,938) |
| AW - Water CIPs | (\$1,319,288) |
| Development Services | (\$334,907) |
| Development Services CIPs | (\$5,404) |
| PARD CIPs | (\$177,364) |
| Planning and Zoning | (\$3,860) |
| Watershed Protection | (\$1,686) |
| Grand Total | (\$4,127,842) |