

RESOLUTION NO. 201 - 25

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING 2026 DRAINAGE BASIN FEES,  
BRIDGE FEES, DETENTION POND FACILITY AND LAND FEES

WHEREAS, the City Stormwater Enterprise prepared a study of drainage facility construction cost trends which recommended a 2.2% increase in Drainage Basin Fees, Bridge Fees, and Detention Pond Facility Fees for 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City/County Drainage Board at their October 14, 2025, meeting approved a recommendation to the City Council for a 2.2% increase for 2026 Drainage Basin Fees, Bridge Fees, and Detention Pond Facility Fees over the current fee schedule; and

WHEREAS, the Park Land Dedication Fee increased to \$119,790 per acre in 2025; such Park Land Dedication Fee is used as the basis for computing the Detention Pond Land Fee.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:**

Section 1. The 2026 Drainage Basin Fees, Bridge Fees, Detention Pond Facility Fees and Land Fees are established based on the City/County Drainage Board recommendation and as shown on the 2026 Fee Schedule, effective on January 1, 2026, and attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025.



Lynette Graw-Iverson, Council President

ATTEST:



Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk



**Exhibit A**

**2026 DRAINAGE, BRIDGE AND POND FEES**

**CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS**

**Proposed January 1, 2026**

Basin Name	DBPS Year	Drainage Fee/Acre	Bridge Fee/Acre	Pond Land Fee/Acre	Pond Facility Fee/Acre	Surcharge/Acre
19th Street	1964	\$5,992				
21st Street	1977	\$9,145				
Bear Creek	1980	\$5,886	\$555			
Big Johnson, Crews	1991	\$22,772	\$1,871	\$376		
Black Squirrel Creek	1989	\$20,862		\$5,846		
Camp Creek	1964	\$3,374				
Cottonwood Creek <sup>1, 2</sup>	2019	\$20,936	\$1,680			\$1,075
Douglas Creek	1981	\$18,924	\$423			
Dry Creek <sup>3</sup>	1966	\$0				
Elkhorn Basin <sup>4</sup>	n/a	\$0				
Fishers Canyon <sup>5</sup>	1991	\$0				
Fountain Creek <sup>6</sup>	n/a	VAR				
Jimmy Camp Creek	2015	\$11,857			\$3,864	
Kettle Creek <sup>7</sup> Old Ranch Trib.	2001	\$0				
Little Johnson	1988	\$19,874		\$1,919		
Mesa	1986	\$43,948				
Mesa (Centennial Allaso Peak)	1986	\$59,162				
Middle Tributary	1987	\$35,607		\$1,752		
Miscellaneous <sup>8</sup>	n/a	\$17,700				
Monument Branch <sup>9</sup>	1987	\$0				
North Rockrimmon	1973	\$9,147				
Park Vista (MDDP) <sup>10</sup>	2004	\$0				
Peterson Field	1984	\$19,217	\$885			
Pine Creek <sup>11</sup>	1988	\$0				
Pope's Bluff	1976	\$6,090	\$1,042			
Pulpit Rock	1968	\$10,086				
Sand Creek <sup>12</sup>	2021	\$27,850				
Shooks Run <sup>13</sup>	1994	\$0				
Smith Creek <sup>14</sup>	2002	\$0				
South Rockrimmon	1976	\$7,151				
Southwest Area	1984	\$20,329				
Spring Creek	1968	\$15,774				
Templeton Gap	1977	\$10,332	\$114			
Windmill Gulch	1992	\$21,699	\$403	\$4,777		

All Drainage, Bridge and Detention Pond Facilities Fees adjusted by 2.2% over 2025 by City Council Resolution No. \_\_\_\_-25 on December \_\_\_, 2025 to be effective on January 1, 2026. Land Fees are based on the Community Park Land Dedication Fee which is currently \$119,790/acre for Community Parks (22.2% change for inflation in 2025).

<sup>1</sup> The 2025 Cottonwood Creek drainage fee consists of a capital improvement fee of \$16,136 per acre and land fee of \$4,800 per acre for a total of \$20,936 per acre. These fees are adjusted annually using different procedures but are combined for collection purposes. The surcharge fee of \$1,075/ac is due in cash; credits for prior facility construction cannot be used to offset this fee, which is deposited into a separate City fund known as the "Cottonwood Creek Surcharge" fund.

<sup>2</sup> The Wolf Ranch portion of the Cottonwood Creek Drainage Basin was approved as a "no fee" basin as to Drainage Fees only by City Council on August 28, 2018 by Resolution No. 96-18

<sup>3</sup> Dry Creek is a closed basin per City Council Resolution No. 118-08 on June 24, 2008

<sup>4</sup> Elkhorn Basin is a closed basin per the Annexation Agreements for the area.

<sup>5</sup> Fishers Canyon is a closed basin per City Council Resolution No. 74-08 on April 22, 2008.

<sup>6</sup> Pursuant to the recommendation of the Subdivision Storm Drainage Board adopted at its meeting of September 15, 1977, there are exempted and excluded from the provisions of this part construction of the main Fountain Creek Channel from the confluence of Fountain Creek with Monument Creek northwest to the City limits. Land developments taking place adjacent to Fountain Creek shall remain responsible for dedicating rights of way necessary for the channelization of Fountain Creek, and the developers shall continue to pay to the City as a condition of subdivision plat approval the applicable drainage fees. Drainage fees are required in accordance with the appropriate basin study.

<sup>7</sup> Kettle Creek Old Ranch Tributary is a closed basin per City Council Resolution 139-02 dated August 27, 2002.

<sup>8</sup> Miscellaneous fee is assessed on unstudied areas and the Roswell and Westside Basins. The Gold Hill Mesa Basin is a "no fee" basin per City Council Resolution 72-21 on March 11, 2021.

<sup>9</sup> Monument Branch Basin is a closed basin per City Council Res. 177-10 on October 12, 2010

<sup>10</sup> Park Vista (MDDP) is a closed basin per City Council Resolution \_\_\_\_-25 on December \_\_\_, 2025.

<sup>11</sup> Pine Creek is a closed basin per City Council Resolution No. 236-88 on December 13, 1988.

<sup>12</sup> The Banning Lewis Ranch portion of the Sand Creek Basin is a closed basin as to Drainage Fees only per City Council Resolution 223-22 dated December 13, 2022.

<sup>13</sup> Shooks Run is a closed basin as adopted by Drainage Board at its meeting on October 15, 1963.

<sup>14</sup> Smith Creek is a closed basin per City Council Resolution 140-02 on August 27, 2002