

**Appendix A: Comparison of Development & Infrastructure Division Fees and Charges (2023-2026)**

In 2025, fee structures have changed, making comparison challenging. Readers are cautioned the information presented below is for illustration only.

**Planning & Development Services**

New business subdivision development is expected to cost \$1,200/114% more per lot and new construction permits \$475/90% per unit and signage \$132-450/36-43% more.

<b>Development Permits &amp; Planning Services</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Residential subdivision application (per lot)	\$210	\$236	\$700	\$464	197%	\$750	\$50	7%
Duplex	\$325	\$368	\$500	\$132	36%	\$525	\$25	5%
Multi unit base fee	\$450	\$525	\$1,000	\$475	90%	\$1,000	\$0	0%
Commercial subdivision application (per lot)	\$900	\$1,050	\$2,250	\$1,200	114%	\$2,400	\$150	7%
New construction base fee	\$450	\$525	\$1,000	\$475	90%	\$1,100	\$100	10%
Signage	\$300-750	\$368-1,050	\$500-1,500	\$132-450	36%-43%	\$500-1,750	\$0-250	0-17%
Direct Control District	\$0	\$630	\$1,000	\$370	59%	\$1,000	\$0	0%
Environmental Information Search	\$205	\$225	\$500	\$275	122%	\$500	\$0	0%
Major Plan Amendment	\$5,000	\$5,513	\$7,500	\$1,987	36%	\$7,500	\$0	0%

## **Business License Fees**

The 2025 proposed change to structure involved categorizing a list of businesses into 5 tiers, creating one surcharge for additional licensing requirements (non-resident, for example), and offering a 3 year license at a discounted fee. The simplifying of the fees appears to unfairly increase the licenses to annual renewing business owners.

The majority of business owners will experience between an \$89/80% and \$202/102% increase in 2025:

<b>Business owner</b>	<b>Anticipated category</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
General	Tier 2	\$107	\$111	\$200	\$89	80%	\$225	\$25	13%
Construction, Contracting	Tier 3	\$190	\$198	\$400	\$202	102%	\$450	\$50	13%

Additionally, the following businesses categories will encounter an increase ranging between \$46/30% and \$689/621% in 2025:

<b>Business owner</b>	<b>Anticipated category</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Kiosk	Tier 4	\$107	\$111	\$800	\$689	621%	\$900	\$100	13%
Licensed Club, Lounge	Tier 4	\$190	\$197	\$800	\$603	306%	\$900	\$100	13%
Peddler	Tier 3	\$51	\$53	\$400	\$347	655%	\$450	\$50	13%
Wholesale	Tier 4	\$575	\$600	\$800	\$200	33%	\$900	\$100	13%
Craft/Trade Show, Pawnbroker	Tier 3	\$190	\$197	\$400	\$203	103%	\$450	\$50	13%
Cannabis Production & Distribution	Tier 4	\$610	\$635	\$800	\$165	26%	\$900	\$100	13%
Auctioneer, Amusement Park Operator	Tier 2	\$148	\$154	\$200	\$46	30%	\$225	\$25	13%

**Business License Fees: Vehicles for Hire**

Vehicles for Hire, including taxis/cabs and other prearranged singular and group transportation providers will experience similar fluctuations. Taxis/cabs and charters will experience between a \$45/38% and a \$894/325% increase and prearranged ride share business will incur a decrease of (\$475)/(19%).

<b>Business owner</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Taxi (per vehicle)	\$105	\$120	\$165	\$45	38%	\$165	\$0	0%
Taxi company	\$102	\$106	\$1,000	\$894	843%	\$1,000	\$0	0%
Charter business	\$102	\$106	\$450	\$344	325%	\$500	\$50	11%
Transportation network company	\$2,375	\$2,475	\$2,000	(\$475)	(19%)	\$2,000	\$0	0%

**Business License Fees: Comparator Benchmarks**

These changes put Medicine Hat at the highest fee structure, in all categories, when compared to similar size cities. Medicine Hat business owners pay between \$62-\$255 more and vehicles for hire pay between \$257-\$1,856 more, per year. The only exception is in Lethbridge, where rideshare companies pay \$685 per year less.

Recognizing that the fee structures and business environments differ in each location, the following table illustrates the 2025 rate differences, for information only:

<b>Business owner</b>	<b>Airdrie</b>	<b>Grand Prairie</b>	<b>Lethbridge</b>	<b>Red Deer</b>	<b>St. Albert</b>
General	\$162	\$0	\$193	\$125	\$144
Medicine Hat	\$255	\$255	\$255	\$255	\$255
Difference	\$93	\$255	\$62	\$130	\$111
% Difference	57%	100%	32%	104%	77%
Vehicles for Hire	\$167-\$214	\$110-\$300	\$193	\$408-\$2,685	\$144
Medicine Hat	\$450-\$2,000	\$450-\$2,000	\$450-\$2,000	\$450-\$2,000	\$450-\$2,000
Difference	\$283-\$1,786	\$340-\$1,700	\$257-\$1,807	(\$685)-\$42	\$306-\$1,856
% Difference	169%-835%	309%-567%	133%-936%	(26%)-10%	213%-1289%