

GRATIOT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION TO UPDATE VARIOUS COUNTY FEES

RESOLUTION NUMBER 26-435

ADOPTED JUNE 16, 2026

WHEREAS the Gratiot County Board of Commissioners, at a lawfully held meeting, may direct and provide for the raising of money necessary to defray the current expenses and charges of the County and the necessary charges incident to or arising from the execution of the Board’s lawful authority (MCL 46.11[h]); and

WHEREAS fees for services are an important component of the annual budget; and

WHEREAS the County Administrator sought input from affected offices and departments in development of the proposed fee schedule; and

WHEREAS the County Administrator has finished the annual review of these fees and recommended changes where appropriate; and

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners has reviewed the recommendations of the County Administrator, along with recommendations of the various county offices, departments, and staff.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the attached fee schedule at the rates established effective October 1, 2026.

The resolution set forth was offered by Commissioner _____ and supported by Commissioner _____.

A vote was thereupon taken on the foregoing resolution and the voter for such resolution was as follows:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

A majority of the members-elect having approved such resolution deems the resolution APPROVED.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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COUNTY OF GRATIOT)

I certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the resolution adopted by the Gratiot County Board of Commissioners, that such resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting held on the 16th day of June 2026, and that notice of such meeting was given as required by law.

Angie Thompson, Gratiot County Clerk

GRATIOT COUNTY

FISCAL YEAR 2027 FEE STRUCTURE

Description

FY 2027 Fee

Building Inspections

Administrative Fee

Residential/Commercial Application \$ 30.00

Inspection Fee (Per Inspection)

Footing, Foundation, Rough, Backfill, Framing, Tie \$ 30.00

Down, Miscellaneous, Final \$ 50.00

Additional Inspection \$ 75.00

Special Inspection \$ 75.00

Plan Review Fee

0 - 5,000,000 Square Feet \$ 0.08 Per Sq. Ft. (Excludes Basement)

Commercial Review 5,000,000+ \$ 942.00 Plus \$ 0.75 Per Sq. Ft.

Building Permit Fee (Set Fees):

Permit Renewal \$ 25.00

House Number (Address) \$ 50.00

Fence \$ 75.00

Above Ground Pool \$ 75.00

Below Ground Pool \$ 125.00

Demolition (Residential) \$ 60.00

Demolition (Commercial) \$ 60.00 Plus \$ 5.00 per 1,000 Sq. Ft.

90-Day Temporary Dwelling \$ 60.00

90-Day Temporary Dwelling Follow Up \$ 60.00

Building Permit Fee (Based on Estimated Construction Value/Cost):

\$ 1 - \$ 2,500 ECV \$ 50.00

\$ 2,501 - \$ 7,500 ECV \$ 100.00

\$ 7,501 - \$ 10,000 ECV \$ 140.00

\$ 10,001 - \$ 100,000 ECV \$ 140.00 Plus \$5.00 per \$1,000 over \$ 10,000

\$ 100,001 and Over ECV \$ 545.00 Plus \$2.00 per \$1,000 over \$ 10,000

Total ECV/cost computed (based on information below) are applied to fee schedule to determine fees

Dwellings (Cost per Square Foot):

Crawlspace \$ 10.00

Basement \$ 25.00

First Floor \$ 70.00

Second Floor \$ 70.00

Single Wide \$ 70.00

Double Wide \$ 70.00

Dwelling Additions (Cost per Square Foot):

Porch / Deck \$ 15.00

Porch / Deck (Enclosed) \$ 25.00

Crawlspace \$ 10.00

Basement \$ 25.00

First Floor \$ 70.00

Second Floor \$ 70.00

Accessory Structures (Cost per Square Foot):

Pole Building \$ 25.00

Shed (<600 Sq. Ft.) \$ 15.00

Garage (on Slab) \$ 23.00

Garage (on Footing) \$ 25.00

Other (Cost per Square Foot):

Residential Roof \$ 10.00

Commercial Roof \$ 15.00

Commercial Structure \$ 130.00

Commercial Storage (S-1) \$ 60.00

Commercial Rehabilitation \$ 60.00

Utility Structures Permit Fee:

Wind Turbine \$ 10.00 (Per Lineal Foot)

Residential Solar Panel \$ 15.00 (Per Square Foot)

Commercial Solar Panel \$ 30.00 (Per Square Foot)

Board of Appeals and Zoning Fees

Zoning Permit Fee \$ 60.00

Land Division Review \$ 35.00

PA 116 Review (per Property Owner) \$ 50.00

Construction Board of

Appeals \$ 350.00

Planning Commission App \$ 450.00

Zoning Board of Appeals \$ 350.00

An additional \$ 55.00 + \$ 25.00 per hour + mileage (at current IRS rate) will be charged to all construction commenced without the necessary construction permits

Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Fees

Plan Review Fee	
< 1 Acre	\$ 25.00
1 – 5 Acres	\$ 50.00
> 6 Acres / Commercial	\$ 75.00
Permit Fees	
Residential:	
New Home	\$ 100.00
Building Addition / Improvement	\$ 50.00
Accessory Building	\$ 50.00
Garage	\$ 50.00
Sanitary Waste System	\$ 50.00
Driveway	\$ 50.00
Residential Site Development	
Seawall / Retaining Wall	\$ 200.00
Pond (Between 1 – 4.99 Acres)	\$ 200.00
Pond (5+ Acres, EGLE Permit Required)	\$ 300.00
Industrial / Commercial / Site Development	
Up to 1 Acre	\$ 200.00
Each Additional Acre (or Fraction Thereof)	\$ 25.00
Utilities (Including but not limited to cables / conduits / pipelines)	
Up to 1 mile	\$ 100.00
Each Additional Mile	\$ 35.00
Gravel / Sand Mining (Annual Permit)	
1 – 2 Acres	\$ 250.00
3 – 5 Acres	\$ 500.00
6+ Acres	\$ 750.00
Inspection Fee (1 per month of length of project required + pre inspection)	
Monthly (Based on Project Risk)	
Residential	\$ 30.00
Non-Residential	\$ 50.00
Non-Residential (Multiple Parcel Projects)	\$ 50.00 / Parcel
Site Evaluation / Consultation (Property Visit)	
Single Family Residential Home / Accessory	\$ 35.00
Other Projects	\$ 75.00

Commercial projects that involve multiple parcels will be issued one (1) permit per parcel involved but will be charged a total permit fee based upon the total amount of earth disturbance across all parcels involved. The total permit fee will be invoiced to each permit issued based upon (TPF) ÷ (# of permits issued).

Clerk’s Office

Certificates and Licenses

Birth Certificate – First Certified Copy	\$ 26.00
Additional certified copies at same time as first request	\$ 12.00
Death Certificate – First Certified Copy	\$ 26.00
Additional certified copies at same time as first request	\$ 12.00
Marriage Certificate – First Certified Copy	\$ 26.00
Additional certified copies at same time as first request	\$ 12.00
Marriage License – Expedited	\$ 15.00
Waiver of three-day waiting period	

Copy Fees

Photocopies	\$ 1.00 Per Page
Electronic Copies	\$ 4.00
	\$ 25.00 CD or Zip File

Court Record Searches and Services

Civil Court Record Search	\$ 12.00 Per 10-Year Search
Circuit Court Record Search	\$ 12.00 Per 10-Year Search
Certified Court Record Copy Fee	\$ 10.00 Per Document
Plus, Per Page	\$ 1.00 Per Page

Election Services

Election Programming	\$ 600 Per Precinct
Plus, Additional Ballot Style	\$ 50.00
Qualified Voter File List – Names	\$ 25.00 CD or Zip File

Miscellaneous Services

Divorce Packet / Without Children	\$ 50.00
Cremation Fee	\$ 50.00

Equalization

GIS Data Download	
Municipal Unit	\$ 100.00
Whole County	\$ 1,000.00
Tax Database	\$ 1,000.00

Parks and Recreation

Vehicle Entry Fee	
Gratiot County Resident	\$ 0.00
Non-Resident	\$ 5.00
Vehicle Annual Pass	
Gratiot County Resident	\$ 0.00
Non-Resident	\$ 25.00
Large Pavillion Rental (all day)	
Gratiot County Resident	\$ 0.00
Non-Resident	\$ 100.00
Small Pavilion Rental (all day)	
Gratiot County Resident	\$ 0.00
Non-Resident	\$ 50.00
Camping per night	
Gratiot County Resident	\$0.00
Non-Resident	\$25.00
Camping Electricity	
Gratiot County Resident	\$ 10.00
Non-Resident	\$ 10.00
Kayak / Canoe Rental (per hour)	
Gratiot County Resident	\$ 5.00
Non-Resident	\$ 5.00

Concessions

Gatorade	\$ 2.00
Pop / Soda	\$ 1.50
Water	\$ 1.00
Candy	\$ 2.00
Chips	\$ 0.75
Combos	\$ 1.50
Sweet and Salty	\$ 1.00
Ice	\$ 3.00
Firewood	\$ 5.00 / bundle

Ice Cream

Bomb Pop	\$ 1.50
Chocolate Chip	\$ 3.00
Ice Cream Sandwich	\$ 2.00
Orange Dream	\$ 1.00
Strawberry Shortcake	\$ 1.00
Sundae Cone	\$ 1.00

Register of Deeds

Statutory Fees (MCL 600.2567)

Recording Fee	\$ 30.00
Assignment and Discharge Fees (each additional ref.)	\$ 3.00
Warranty Deeds / Land Contracts	
Up to 25 descriptions	\$ 5.00
Additional descriptions over 25	\$ 0.25
Copy Fee (per page)	\$ 1.00
Certification Fee (per document)	\$ 5.00
Fixture Filing, Amendment, Assignment, Continuation, Release or Termination	\$ 30.00
Search Fee	\$ 5.00
Name Searches	
Estate Record per Name	\$ 3.00
State Tax Lien Certificate per Name	\$ 3.00
Federal Tax Lien per Name	\$ 3.00
Transfer Tax	
State (computed in increments of \$500), per \$1,000	\$7.50
County (computed in increments of \$500), per \$1,000	\$1.10

Sheriff's Office

Abandoned Vehicle (unless vehicle was towed by Sheriff's Office)	\$ 50.00
Booking Fee	\$ 12.00
CCW	\$ 15.00
Civil Process	\$ 26.00 per service plus mileage
Fingerprints (available by appointment)	\$ 15.00 per card
Housing Fee	\$ 30.00 per day
PBT Testing	\$ 10.00
Photocopies	\$ 5.00
Purchase Permits	\$ 5.00
Record Checks (This is for in-house only and does not include copies of any reports)	\$ 10.00
Warrant Fee	\$ 10.00

Animal Control Fees

License	
Males	\$ 25.00 Fee / \$ 50.00 Late Fee
Females	\$ 25.00 Fee / \$ 50.00 Late Fee
Unsexed	\$ 15.00 Fee / \$ 30.00 Late Fee
Kennel License	
Up to 10 Dogs	\$ 100.00 Fee / \$ 200.00 Late Fee
Up to 40 Dogs	\$ 150.00 Fee / \$ 300.00 Late Fee
More than 40 Dogs	\$ 200.00 Fee / \$ 400.00 Late Fee
Adoption	
Dogs	\$ 30.00 + \$50.00 Spay/Neuter Deposit Add microchip and flea/tick medication - \$ 90.00
Cats	\$ 10.00 + \$50.00 Spay/Neuter Deposit
Surrender	
Dogs	\$50.00
Cats	\$ 30.00
Services	
Reclaims	\$ 30.00 First Day
Repeat Offender Reclaim	\$ 50.00 First Day
Food / Shelter Boarding	\$ 20.00 Every additional day after first day
Pick Up	\$ 40.00
Drop Offs	\$ 40.00 dogs / \$ 20.00 cats
Bite Confinements	\$ 200.00 + Euthanasia Fee (if necessary)
Microchips	\$ 10.00
Live Trap	\$ 30.00
Rabies	\$ 5.00 / \$ 50.00 for 10-dose bottle
Euthanasia	
Dogs	\$ 50.00 (under 50 pounds)
Cats	\$ 30.00

Treasurer's Office

Copies (MCL 48.101 and/or MCL 15.234)	\$ 1.00 per page
Certification (Land Division / Tax History) (MCL 211.135 and MCL 560.109)	\$ 5.00 per parcel
Delinquent Databases / Delinquent Tax Records (MCL 48.101)	\$ 0.50 per parcel; \$ 2,000 Maximum
NSF / Returned Check Fee (MCL 600.2952)	\$ 35.00 in addition to check amount
Township Bill Printing – Summer	\$ 2.00 per parcel
Township Bill Printing – Winter	\$ 1.50 per parcel

Drain Commissioner

Stormwater Review	
Permit Application	\$ 800.00 for review \$200.00 for inspection
Recording fee for Maintenance Agreement	\$ 30.00
GPS Location and As-Built Drawing (Refundable Deposit)	\$ 500.00
Resubmission Fee	\$ 225.00 plus actual costs including additional hourly fees

Crossing/Connection/Encroachment Permits

Additional costs for administration, inspection, engineering, and legal expenses may be required.

- Permit for Utility Work in a County Drain and/or Cross a County Drain and/or County Drain Easement
Application Fee \$ 500.00 per permit
Deposit \$ 1,500.00 per crossing
- Permit to Perform Work in a County Drain and/or Drain Easement and to Cross and/or Connect to a Drain
Application Fee \$ 100.00 per location
Deposit \$ 500.00
- Permit for Encroachment in a County Drain Easement
Application Fee \$ 300.00 per location
- Permit to Install a Culvert/Bridge or Other Structure in a Drain or Drain Easement
Application Fee \$ 500.00 per location
- Application for a Variance from Drain Commissioner Rules
Application Fee \$ 150.00 per application

Miscellaneous Fees

Title Search for Drain Assessments	\$ 35.00
Photocopies (per page)	\$ 1.00
Oversize	\$ 5.00
Full Size Plans	\$ 50.00 per set
Temporary Encroachment Permit	\$ 30.00 deposit plus staff/consultant costs
Development Administrative Fee	\$ 500.00 per drain
Emergency Cleanup	Fee based on cleanup cost