

**City of Alexandria, Virginia  
FY 2027 Proposed Operating Budget & CIP  
Budget Questions & Answers**

**March 25, 2026**

**Question:**

In regard to increases in our development fees, can you list how various localities compare to our fees?

**Response:**

**Development Fees Comparison** (Source: *Conversations with land use attorneys working in Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax*):

Each jurisdiction calculates development fees very differently, so it's extremely difficult to perform a direct comparison.

- Arlington recently updated its fee schedule with several fees increasing substantially, including one that escalated by 75%. The County charges a fee per residential unit count, hotel rooms or commercial square footage.
- Fairfax has generally lower fees, but the approvals take much longer. Applicants must separately seek approval from different departments unlike Alexandria's streamlined process.

**Historic Preservation Fees** (Source: *Comparison analysis done with 6 other jurisdictions in the region – Fairfax City, Falls Church, Prince William, Loudoun, DC and Prince Georges*):

Historic preservation fees in neighboring localities range from \$0 to over \$135, depending on the type and level of review requested.

**Chart and Table comparison of Historic Preservation Application Fees across the Region:**

<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Fee</b>
City of Alexandria (VA)	\$135
City of Fairfax (VA)	\$50
City of Falls Church (VA)	\$67
Prince William County (VA)	\$25
Loudoun County (VA)	\$125
Washington, DC	\$25
Prince George's County (MD) <i>No fee</i>	\$0