

Apache Junction Police Department Memorandum

Date: July 11, 2024

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Chief Michael Pooley

Subject: Proposed Article 4-7 fee adjustments for Records Department.

In the spring, the Apache Junction Police Department ("AJPD") requested the mayor and council direct staff to move forward on implementing increased new fees for the Records Division. This adjustment is essential due to escalating costs associated with time, supplies, and operational processes. The current fees for customer services in the Records Division have not been revised since 2017 and during this time, there has been a significant rise in expenses related to the time and resources required for data retrieval. Additionally, the state law now allows the city to charge individuals for body worn camera footage and this ordinance includes those new fees (\$46/hour of review).

A comparative analysis conducted with 25 other agencies across the valley indicates that AJPD's fees are notably lower in most areas.

In accordance with council guidance and A.R.S. § 9-499.15, staff issued a 60-day notice of intent to adjust the fee schedule and posted the proposed increases on the city's website.