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FY 2026 Proposed Budget
Budget Work Session Follow-up

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The following information is provided in response to a request made by Mr. Spain at the work session on February 27, 2025, regarding the following question:

Please justify the proposed DPR fees increases of 10%? How do DPR fees compare to other neighboring jurisdictions?

To keep programming affordable during and post pandemic, fees for DPR programming remained unchanged or had nominal increases for FY 2021 – FY 2024 despite program costs escalating at rates in excess of fee recovery. The proposed DPR fee increases of 10% reflect the adjustment of existing fees to reflect actual program costs and alignment with DPR's cost recovery model. The tables below illustrate how DPR fees compare for a number of programs to other neighboring jurisdictions.

Summer Camps

The table below compares FY 2025 resident rate camp pricing for a single week of camp operating 5 days a week for 6 hours or more from our neighboring jurisdictions. The Arlington range includes fees for our internal camps and contractor camps.

Jurisdiction	FY 2025 Rate
Arlington*	\$176-\$675
Alexandria	\$225-\$595
Fairfax Park Authority	\$185-\$699
Loudoun	\$184-\$595
Prince William	\$225-\$409
Montgomery	\$125-\$499

**The FY 2026 proposed rate range is \$194-\$743.*

Competitive Gymnastics

Benchmarking data for competitive gymnastics programs is not readily available due to differences in staffing models and offerings at profit-driven private gyms. Our County-run program is supported by nine permanent, full-time employees who are eligible for

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benefits. The closest comparison is Stafford County, which relies primarily on part-time staff for their competitive gymnastics program.

Arlington Aquatic Club

The table below illustrates FY 2025 resident rate benchmarking data from neighboring jurisdictions for competitive aquatic programming for the senior age group (ages 13-18).

Club	FY 2025 Annual Fee
AAC (Arlington County)*	\$2,590
Nations Capitol (NCAP) (Alexandria, Fairfax, DC)	\$6,550
Machine (Fairfax)	\$5,945
YORK (Fairfax)	\$5,440
St. James (Alexandria)	\$5,420
Potomac Marlins (Alexandria)	\$4,340
Fairfax Foxes (Fairfax)	\$3,500

**The FY 2026 proposed fee is \$2,850.*

55+ Memberships

The table below illustrates FY 2025 resident rate benchmarking data for single senior memberships from our neighboring jurisdictions. Variations in annual fees are due to differences in program structure and offerings. Arlington offers a Gold Membership at a higher rate that provide additional program benefits including unlimited access to all DPR fitness facilities (excluding Long Bridge Aquatics and Fitness Center) during community hours.

Jurisdiction	Age	FY 2025 Annual Fee
Arlington*	55+	\$25
Alexandria	60+	Free
Fairfax Park Authority	50+	\$62
Loudoun	55+	\$36
Prince William	55+	\$25
Montgomery	55+	Free

**The FY 2026 proposed fee is \$30.*

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Room/Facility Rentals

The table below illustrates FY 2025 resident rate benchmarking data and the FY 2026 Proposed Arlington resident rates for selected facility spaces from our neighboring jurisdictions.

Website	Small Meeting Room or equivalent (per hour)	Medium meeting room or equivalent (per hour)	Large meeting room or equivalent (per hour)	Gymnasium (per hour)
Arlington <i>(FY 2026 Proposed Rate)</i>	\$35 (\$40)	\$60 (\$65)	\$85 (\$95)	\$105 (\$115)
Alexandria	\$59	\$95	\$135	\$115
Fairfax Park Authority	\$70	\$80	n/a	n/a
Loudoun	\$35	\$45	\$70	\$115
Prince William	\$50	\$60	\$100	\$250
Montgomery	\$40	n/a	\$75	n/a