

Table 11
Selected Fees for Local Jurisdictions' Cannabis-Related Permits

LOCAL JURISDICTION	LAND-USE PERMIT FEE*	BUSINESS PERMIT FEE†	ADDITIONAL FEES‡	ESTIMATED COST TO OBTAIN LOCAL AUTHORIZATION TO OPERATE A CANNABIS BUSINESS
Fresno	\$13,390	\$27,720	\$600	\$41,710
Monterey County§	8,020	5,100	410	13,530
Sacramento	4,330	23,610	—	27,940
San Diego	8,790	20,800	—	29,590
Santa Barbara County	8,000	6,275	—	14,275
South Lake Tahoe	5,060	14,885	20,910	40,855

Source: Local jurisdictions' fee documents.

* Land-use permits may include gaining compliance with CEQA and with additional local environmental regulations, among other things. Further, most of these fees are deposits, and therefore these fees may adjust, depending on the specifics of each project. For example, in Sacramento, if a dispensary is within 300 feet of a residential zone, a different review process is triggered that increases the land-use fee to at least \$10,542.

† Business permit fees may vary, depending on the type of cannabis business, such as cultivation, distribution, or retail.

‡ Additional fees may include, but are not limited to, fees for background checks, business tax certificates and licenses, and zoning inquiry letters.

§ Monterey County was the only jurisdiction we reviewed that does not rely on a deposit fee but rather estimates the cost of issuing the permit and charges a flat fee to cover those costs. Deposit fees cover the staff-time costs of processing the necessary permits and may require additional funds if the project requires additional staff time, but the leftover balance is then returned to the applicant. Conversely, flat fees are charged to the applicant to cover the estimated costs of staff time and processing the permit, but no additional funds are required from the applicant and no amount is returned to the applicant.

|| San Diego's \$20,800 business permit fee is an annual fee.