

Merrill Field Airport Proposed Rate and Fee Increase for 2026

Background Information:

Merrill Field Airport (MRI) stopped annual rate increases in 2019/20 during the pandemic. Had land leases increased by CPI (2.1%) since 2019, rate would be \$0.29 verses. \$0.24 sq.ft it is today

Current forecasted revenue is insufficient to maintain Labor + Non Labor + Fund Balance for federal grant matching funds for 2026.

Merrill Field Proposed Rate Increase for 2026

MRI proposes an increase to three (3) of the seven (7) rates and fees which require Assembly approval IAW Code of Ordinances 11.60.200. Proposed rate increases are highlighted below.

	Rate or Fee	Current (2025)	Proposed (2026)
1	Fuel Distribution Fee	\$0.10/gallon	No Change
2	Access Fee	No Fee	No Change
3	Daily Transient Parking	0-6 hours: No Charge 6-24 hours: \$6.00/day	Remove option \$10/day
4	Tiedown Space Fees	Tail-In Spaces: \$70/month Pull-through spaces: \$80/month	\$80/month \$90/month
5	Impoundment	Basic Fee: \$75/month 24 hr. Storage Fee: \$10/day	No Change No Change
6	Motor Vehicle Parking	Daily parking: 0-24 hrs - \$6.00 Long-term Parking: 20' \$70/mo. Long-term Parking: 40' \$80/mo	0-24 hrs. \$10.00 \$80/mo \$90/mo
7	Fuel tender or fuel truck fee	Noncommercial fuel tender: no fee Commercial fuel tender: \$500/year	No Change No Change

Note 1: Proposed rate increase will cost tie-down customers an additional \$10/month (11%).

Note 2: Average increase of tie-down permits is \$2.50/year, between 2016-2026.

Note 3: MRI will be increasing all Airport Director controlled fees by 10% for 2026.

Note 4: If approved, the combined increases of Assembly + Airport Director approved rates and fees is expected to eliminate the budget shortfall for the 2026 budget year.

