

TABLE VI.—Range of typical airport user charges

Airport facilities	Airports used by airlines		
	Large		Small per unit
	Total	Per unit	
Landing area, landing fee.....	\$100,000 to \$150,000 at 6 to 18 each.	(Air carrier: 15 to 35 cents) (1,000 pounds gross maximum weight.)	\$1 to \$25 per takeoff or landing.
Aircraft service area:			
Hangar fees.....	\$50,000 to \$200,000.....		
Single-engine aircraft.....		\$75 to \$100 per month.	\$50 to \$75 per month.
Multiengine light.....		\$100 to \$150 per month.	\$75 to \$100 per month.
Multiengine heavy.....		\$150 to \$200 per month.	\$100 to \$200 per month.
Terminal area:			
Tie-down fee.....		\$1 to \$20 each.....	\$1 to \$5 each.
Building concession space rental.....	\$200,000 to \$250,000.....	\$6 to \$12 per square foot per year.	\$3 to \$9 per square foot per year.
Building administration space rental.....	\$150,000 to \$200,000.....	\$2 to \$9 per square foot per year.	\$1 to \$6 per square foot per year.
Observation deck fee.....		10 to 25 cents per person.	Free.
Ground transportation support.....	\$150,000 to \$200,000.....		
Vehicle parking fee.....		25 to 50 cents per hour.	25 cents per hour.
Aviation activities:			
Aircraft rental (available).....		\$50-100/hour (heavy) ..	\$25 to \$50 per hour (light).
Flight instruction fee.....		(1).....	\$10 to \$20 per multi-engine.
Ground school fee.....		(1).....	\$40 each.
Industrial facility rental.....	\$150,000 to \$200,000.....		
Total user charge revenue.....	\$0.5 to \$1 million.....		

Airport facilities	Airports used by General Aviation only	
	Large (public)	Small (private)
	Per unit	Per unit
Landing area, landing fee.....	\$5 each.....	Free.
Aircraft service area:		
Hangar fees:		
Single-engine aircraft.....	\$50 to \$75 per month.....	\$10 to \$25 per month.
Multiengine light.....	\$75 to \$100 per month.....	\$20 to \$50 per month.
Multiengine heavy.....	\$100 to \$150 per month.....	\$30 to \$17 per month.
Terminal area:		
Tie-down fee.....	\$1 each.....	Free.
Building concession space rental.....	\$3 to \$9 per SF per year.....	\$1 to \$6 per SF per year.
Building administration space rental.....	\$1 to \$3 per SF per year.....	(1).
Observation deck fee.....	Free.....	(1).
Ground transportation support.....		
Vehicle parking fee.....	Maximum 25 cents per hour.	Free.
Aviation activities:		
Aircraft rental (available).....	\$15 to \$25 per hour (large) ..	\$10 to \$15 per hour (small).
Flight instruction fee.....	\$5 to \$10 per single engine.....	(1).
Ground school fee.....	\$20 each.....	(1).
Industrial facility rental.....		

¹ Not available.

There is evidence of a trend within the industry to record both costs and revenues in a fiscal accounting system which lends itself to determining the extent user charges are employed to pay for all or part of the services used. There is growing acceptance of the concept that airport user charges should be directly related to the measured costs of providing facilities used. This has not been the case in the past. Hopefully, the planned expenditures will be offset by revenues from user charges.

Only a relatively few public airports have been found to be truly operated on a self-sustaining financial basis. The reasons for this are manifold and complex. However, there are at least two notable causes for such inability. First, the predominant judgment of communities