

REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLES OF GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORT HANGER GROUND LEASE RATES AND FUEL FLOWAGE FEES IN MONTANA: 2017

Fuel Flowage Fees:

A fuel flowage fee is a tax assessed on the user, which is paid at the pump. Fuel flowage fee revenues are sent to the airport governing body, usually the board or authority and are then put into airport coffers for airport improvements or other expenses. The fuel flowage fee is actually an airport user fee and is the commonly accepted and fair way to raise airport revenues without placing the entire burden on local airport tenants since revenue is provided by transient aircraft using the airport. The typical fuel flowage fee for small Montana airports is 5¢/gal. Many times, an airport will place a greater fuel flowage fee on jet fuel since this will shift even more of the cost burden to the more expensive, fuel consuming transient aircraft which place more wear and tear on the airport.

Hangar Ground Lease Rates:

Hangar ground lease rates are the lease rates that an airport charges for the ground on which private or commercial hangars are built. Since many airports around the state have very few tenants, they have no set rate and will convene the airport board to determine one when an offer to build something on airport property is made. Some airports will have a different rate for commercial versus private hangar space rates since most commercial operators use apron space in the conduct of their daily commercial operations. Some airports will lease apron space to commercial operators for a smaller fee than the hangar ground lease rate. Many airports around the state do not charge anything for the hangar lease rates as a way of promoting aviation on the airport, in these cases, usually a \$1.00/yr lease is drawn up. Airports vary widely around the state in their hangar ground lease rates and sometimes have many different stipulations associated with them, as an example, an airport might have rules about how long lease rates are, how often the price may be raised and how often an option to renew will be available. A 20 year hangar ground lease with an option to renew is usually the most common type of hangar ground lease and is often the type required by lending institutions. The ideal hangar ground lease rate is one that generates the needed revenue for the airport but does not create such a cost burden that users will not build hangars.

Other Notes:

Fuel flowage fees and hangar ground lease rates are generally higher at large commercial service, certificated airports. The differences in rates and charges between big commercial airports and small general aviation airports is because large airports provide many more airport services than small airports, such as; 24 hour security, a 24 hour terminal, instrument landing systems, expansive lighting and crash fire rescue services. Even though large airports can receive funding through avenues not usually available to small general aviation airports, much of the operating revenue needed by large airports is still highly dependent on airport user fees. It should also be mentioned that the benefits created through tax revenue generated by an airport help not only the airport, but also the surrounding communities. This is because counties and cities receive considerable tax benefits from an airport through taxes on hangars and based aircraft.

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Airport	Fuel Flow Fee	Hanger Ground Lease cost per year	Other Fees or Notes
Anaconda	None	Private - \$0.08 sq/ft/year Commercial - Negotiated	None
Ashland*	None	None	None
Baker	\$.10/gal	\$50.00/year Community Heated Hangar \$35-\$300/night Community Cold Hangar \$125/ month single \$300/month multi	\$250.00 Aerial Applicator lease/year 100LL / JET A, Self Service - 24hr.
Big Timber	\$.03/gal	Private - \$.10 sq/ft/year Commercial - \$.15 sq/ft/year	None
Boulder	None	None	None
Bridger*	None	\$.105 sq/ft/year for hangar & apron	None
Broadus*	None	None	100LL / JET A, Self Service - 24hr.
Browning	None	None	None
Canyon Ferry*	None	None	None
Chester*	None	T-Hangar - \$250/Year Commercial - \$.05 sq/ft/year	100 LL on-call

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Chinook*	\$.10/gal	\$100 / year	100LL, Self Service - 24hr.
Choteau*	\$.04/gal	Hangar \$.04 sq/ft/year	100LL, Self Service JET A, Full Service
Circle	None	T-Hangar - \$60/month, \$600/year Large Hangar - \$100/month	100LL Full Service
Colstrip	None	\$100 / year	None
Columbus*	\$.04/gal	Private - \$.08 sq/ft/year Commercial - \$.12 sq/ft/year	100LL, Self Service - 24 hour
Conrad*	None	None	100LL under padlock
Culbertson	None	None	100LL, Self Service
Cut Bank	None	Private - \$.10 sq/ft/year Commercial - \$.10 sq/ft/year	100LL / Jet A, Self Service - 24hr.
Deer Lodge	\$.05/gal	Private - \$.04 sq/ft/year Commercial - \$.04 sq/ft/year	100LL, Self Service JET A, Full Service
Dell	None	\$.10 sq/ft/year	None

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Dutton*	None	\$.07 sq/ft/year T-Hangar - \$50/month	None
Ekalaka	None	T-Hangar single - \$100/month T-Hangar Twin - \$150/month	100LL, Self Service
Ennis	\$.04/gal	\$.04 sq/ft/year	100LL Self and Full Service - 24hr. JET A, Full Service
Fairfield*	None	Private - \$.04 sq/ft/year County Owned Hangar - \$40/month	None
Fairview	None	\$0.18 sq/ft/year	None
Forsyth	None	Private - \$100 / year Commercial - \$150/month T – Hangar \$720/year	
Fort Benton*	None	\$80/month old hangars \$150/month new hangars	100LL, Self Service - 24hr.
Gardiner*	\$.05/gal	None	None
Hardin	None	Small Hangar - \$200/month Large Hangar - \$300/month	None

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Harlem*	None	100 year / TBD	None
Harlowton*	None	None \$15.00/night	None
Hot Springs	None	Private - \$.08 sq/ft/year Commercial - \$.16sq/ft/year	None
Hysham*	None	None	None
Jordan*	None	None	None
Kalispell City	None	None	100LL, Self Service - 24hr. 100LL / JET A, Full Service 0800-1700
Laurel	\$.05/gal	Private - \$.14 sq/ft/year Commercial - \$.10 sq/ft/year Apron/Ramp - \$.03 sq/ft/year	100 LL / JET A, Full Service / Self - 24hr
Lavina	None	None	None
Lewistown	\$.05/gal	Land - \$.1072-\$.16 sq/ft/year Commercial \$0.1046 ft ground Commercial \$.144 ft building T-Hangar - \$82.79/month Big Hangar - \$55 Single, \$75Light Twin Heated/Semi-private - \$200/month	100LL Self Service - 24hr. JET A, Full Service

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Libby*	None	\$.05 sq/ft/year	100LL / JET A, Self Service - 24 hr. Courtesy Car Available
Lincoln	None	\$.10 sq/ft/year	None
Livingston*	\$.05/gal	Commercial Hangars - \$.17 sq/ft/year T-Hangar - \$103/month	100 LL / JET A, Full Service 0800-1700
Malta	\$.10/gal	Private - \$.10 sq/ft/year Commercial - \$.02 sq/ft/year Mid-size T-Hangar - \$100/month Large T-Hangar - \$150/month	100LL / JET A, Self Service - 24hr.
Miles City (If aircraft owner fuels their own aircraft)	\$.07/gal	Private - \$.10 sq/ft/year Community Hanger - \$106/month Community Heated - \$219/month Community Twin - \$170 T-Hangar - \$123/month T-Hangar Heated - \$266/month Terminal - \$1,000/month	100LL Self and Full Service - 24hr. JET A, Full Service
Opheim*	None	None	None
Philipsburg	None	Hangar - \$120/month Hangar (electricity) - \$240/month	None

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Plains	None	Private - \$.08 sq/ft/year Commercial - \$.16 sq/ft/year	None
Plentywood*	None	Private - \$.08 sq/ft/year Commercial - \$.10 sq/ft/year	100LL, Self Service - 24hr.
Polson*	None	\$.15-\$.20 sq/ft/year	100LL / JET A, Self Service - 24hr.
Red Lodge*	None	\$.10 sq/ft/year + \$20 plowing fee/year	100LL, Full Service
Richey	None	\$.10 sq/ft/year	None
Ronan*	\$.08/gal	\$.14 sq/ft/year	100LL / JET A, Self Service - 24hr.
Roundup*	\$.05/gal	Private - \$.025 sq/ft/year Commercial - \$.05 sq/ft/year	100LL / JET A, Self Service - 24hr.
Scobey	None	Private Ground Lot - \$100/year Commercial Ground Lot - \$100/year	100LL / JET A, Self Service - 24hr.
Seeley lake	None	\$.10 sq/ft/year \$290 / year off field access private \$580 / year off field access commercial	Free Pilot Campground Free use of bicycles
Shelby*	None	Varies, T-Hanger \$60/month FAA Hangers \$134-205/month	JET A, Full Service 100LL / JET A, Self Service - 24hr.

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Stanford*	None	Private - \$.10 sq/ft/year T-Hangar - \$200/month	None
Stevensville	\$.05/gal	Hanger ground - \$.065 sq/ft/year T-Hanger \$150.00-\$300.00/month	100LL, Self Service - 24hr. Tie downs: Single - \$3.00/day \$15.00/month Multi - \$5.00/day \$25.00/month
St. Ignatius	\$.05/gal	\$.14 sq/ft/year	100LL, Self Service - 24hr.
Superior	None	Private - \$.10 sq/ft/year 40 X 30 hangar - \$175/month	100LL, Self Service - 24hr.
Terry*	None	None	None
Thompson Falls	None	\$.08 sq/ft/year	100LL, Self Service - 24hr.
Turner*	\$.10	Hanger Ground Lot - \$100/year	100LL, Self Service - 24hr.
Townsend*	None	\$.11 sq/ft/year	100LL, Self Service - 24hr.
Twin Bridges*	\$.04/gal	\$.04 sq/ft/year	100 LL / JET A, Full Service / Self - 24hr
Winnett*	None	None	None

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