

Frequently Asked Questions

The City is proposing to introduce rental fees for private use of the public right-of-way. This includes any City-owned property including (but not limited to) roadways, sidewalks, parking lanes, protected bike lanes and alleys.

Q. Why is the City introducing fees for something that was previously available at no charge?

A. As the city grows, the number of requests to borrow the public right-of-way is growing. Increasingly, more and more of the right-of-way is unavailable for public use for extended periods of time. The intent of introducing fees is to incentivize right-of-way renters to minimize the time and area they rent, thereby reducing the public impacts.

Q. What are the fees?

A. The proposed fee structure is as follows:

Type	A	B
	Rental duration < 30 days	Rental Duration > + 30 days
Parking Lane, Protected Bike Lane, Sidewalk, Alley	\$0.15/m ² /day	Total from column A for first 29 days + \$0.10/m ² /day for days 30+
Traffic Lane (Local, Collector)	\$0.30/m ² /day	Total from column A for first 29 days + \$0.25/m ² /day for days 30+
Traffic Lane (Arterial, Expressway)	\$0.50/m ² /day	Total from column A for first 29 days + \$0.40/m ² /day for days 30+

Q. What will the City use the fees for?

A. The fees will be used to cover the administration and enforcement of right-of-way permits and rentals. Staff perform services such as reviewing applications, issuing permits, monitoring work in progress, enforcing permit conditions, and preparing the right-of-way for return to public use.

Q. When will the fees take effect?

A. The proposed new fees are expected to be implemented on May 1, 2018 if approved by City Council.

Q. Are there any exemptions?

A. At present, the fees will only apply to revenue-generating entities. Revenue-neutral organizations requesting use of the public right-of-way for a community service or event will not be charged a rental fee at this time.

Q. If I want to rent the public right-of-way, how does that process work?

A. The first step will be applying for a right-of-way permit. Permit applications can be obtained for \$40 by dropping by City Hall (3rd floor, Transportation Administration), emailing ROWpermits@saskatoon.ca, or calling 306-975-2454.

Q. If I want to rent a section of the roadway that includes public parking spaces, do right-of-way rental fees cover parking?

A. No. Parking reservations need to be made separately and additional fees will apply. Visit Saskatoon.ca (search 'Parking Reservations') or call 306-975-2548.

Q. Are right-of-way rental permits required?

A. Yes. The permit process ensures that right-of-way renters are provided the conditions for safe use of the right-of-way and also enables the City to ensure that right-of-way rentals are coordinated with other public and private uses.

Q. Are there fines for not obtaining a right-of-way rental permit?

A. Yes. In order to protect public safety, it's necessary that the City enforce the permit process. City Bylaw Inspectors or the Saskatoon Police Service can issue a fine for failure to produce a permit.

Q. Are there fines for non-authorized private use of the public right-of-way?

A. Yes. These fines are intended to protect public safety and public property, and they are applicable to anyone—not just right-of-way renters. In addition to the fines set out below, the City is also authorized to recover any additional costs from offending parties. For example, these costs may include recovering damaged right-of-way (roadways, trees, etc.) or removing anything deemed hazardous to public safety.

Description	Fine Amount
Allowing material to enter street	\$250
Tracking mud/gravel/dirt/material on street	\$250
Pulling down or defacing any sign or printed or written legal notice legally put up	\$250
Climbing on light standard, pole, tree, railings or fences unless completing necessary repairs	\$250
Walking on newly constructed sidewalks or pavement before being opened by City of Saskatoon	\$250
Unauthorized material on street	\$500
Use of street of Right-of-Way without a permit	\$500
Unauthorized use of sidewalk or boulevard as access for vehicles or machinery	\$500
Failure to comply with permit conditions	\$1,000