



Austin Transportation Department

Right of Way Management Division

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EXCAVATION PERMIT – RIGHT OF WAY USAGE FEE EXCEPTIONS

The following fees apply to Excavation Permits:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application Fee<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ \$45 per application○ \$45 per extension of request	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Right of Way Usage Fees<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ \$9 per lane cut, per day○ \$5.50 per structure cut, per day
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inspection Fees<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ (as determined by DSD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ATD Tech Surcharge<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 4% of all fees collected by ATD

Right of way (ROW) Usage Fees are charged from cut to final restoration. Exceptions are limited to the scenarios outlined below. **NOTE:** A Right of Way Contractor License is required to perform restoration.

EXCEPTIONS

ROW usage fees shall not apply:

- To City of Austin Departments (City of Austin applicants do not pay **any** permit fees)
- To State and Local Franchised Utilities (Franchised Utilities **only** pay franchise fees)
- When the City of Austin allows restoration to be delayed
 - **NOTE:** This is often because other utilities will be installed in the same area
 - The following shall be required:
 - Approved paving plan from the [Public Works Department, Office of the City Engineer](#) acknowledging maintenance and responsibility
 - Written approval from [Public Works Department, Street & Bridge Operations](#)
 - Written approval from Development Services Department and/or Public Works Department Inspector
 - Written approval from the General Contractor
 - Written approval from subcontractor who will perform restoration, if applicable
 - Approved correction to General Permit, Site Plan, or Site Plan Exemption, if applicable
- To more than one party when two or more parties are simultaneously accessing the same trench
 - **NOTE:** The party to perform the first cut will be charged ROW usage fees until restoration
 - Additionally, the following shall be required:
 - Written agreement between parties acknowledging that the party to perform the first cut is responsible for restoration

When delays occur due to:

- [City-implemented work stoppage due to major special events](#), ROW usage fees will not be assessed while the stoppage is in effect
 - Example: Spring Festival Restrictions, Trail of Lights Restrictions, Austin City Limits Festival
- Unforeseen crises requiring City staff reallocations to non-standard tasks, ROW usage fees will not be assessed until staff are returned to standard duty
 - Example: flash flood response, boil water crisis
- Inaccurate City-Owned utility plans, ROW usage fees will be stopped until accurate plans are provided
 - **NOTE:** Delays due to inaccurate Franchise Utility records, or an unknown/unidentified utility, do not qualify for ROW fee stoppages
 - Written statement from relevant City Official stating restoration may be delayed due to inaccurate City-owned utility plans