

# Traffic Control Permit Fee Increase - Report

## Overview

The City of Goodyear proposes an increase to its traffic control permit (TCP) fees to:

- address the increasing TCP demand for work in the City’s public rights-of-way;
- appropriately charge for the private and non-traffic use of the City’s public rights-of-way;
- better manage and mitigate the impacts TCPs have on the public who rely on the City’s public rights-of-way to travel in, around, and through the City; and
- address the increasing staffing and resource demands and associated administrative costs related to City staff reviewing, managing, and inspecting these traffic control permits.

This fee adjustment is necessary to ensure the continued efficient and effective management of the City’s TCP program. The adjustments help to more accurately reflect the public costs and related value of the City’s public rights-of-way especially associated with impacts of temporary restrictions and closures have on the travelling public and the non-delegable duty of the City to manage the public rights-of-way for the good of the public.

## Rationale for Fee Increase

Over the past five years, the City of Goodyear has experienced a 180% increase in the number of TCPs issued. This surge in demand has placed additional strain on the Program’s administrative resources and the City’s ability to appropriately manage the Program and the work in the City’s public rights-of-way.

<b>Number of Traffic Control Permits (TCP) issued by the City of Goodyear per Fiscal Year</b>		
Fiscal Year	Number of Traffic Control Permits Issued	% Change
FY20	339	N/A
FY21	584	+72.3%
FY22	600	+2.7%
FY23	871	+45.17%
FY24	950	+9.07%

Each permit issued results in some sort of restriction or closure of the City’s public right-of-way to the inconvenience of the traveling public. The amount of the fees currently charged for these closures are not sufficient to incentivize the timely completion of the work and the City has experienced long closures of City public rights-of-way with no work being undertaken.

To maintain the high level of service expected by our community and to ensure critical and necessary work can proceed in the City’s public rights-of-way, the City must dedicate and allocate additional staff and resources to effectively manage this increased workload. Data associated with the increase in TCPs issued by the City is reflected in the chart above.

The changes proposed to the City's current TCP program fees capture costs for services for which fees are not currently imposed and differentiate between the costs to the City and impacts to the traveling public of restrictions and closures of the City's public rights-of-way based on the length of the closure, the number of lanes being closed, the duration (hours and days), the types of roads (collector vs. arterial), the portion of the City's public rights-of-way to be impacted (sidewalk, bike lane, travel through lane, turn lanes, etc.).

The proposed changes also reflect that there is value to use of the City's property. In addition, the proposed changes will serve as an incentive for the timely completion of the work that necessitates the closure of public right of way.

In formulating this new schedule, the City researched the traffic control fee schedules of six neighboring communities -- Glendale, Mesa, Peoria, Phoenix, Surprise and Tempe. Goodyear's proposed schedule is comparable to the ones used by these cities.

The proposed traffic control permit fee schedule is included below.