

## Dumpster and Barricade Fees

**Dumpster and Barricade Fees:** The City requires a permit for construction dumpsters and barricades that obstruct the public way.

### Background

The City requires a permit for construction dumpsters that are placed on the public way, such as on a street or in an alley. Dumpster permit fees range between \$50 and \$400 depending on the type of dumpster, if it is in the Central Business District, and where the dumpster is to be placed (curbside, alley, etc.). The City offers both three-day and monthly permits.

Placement	Class A (30 cubic yards or less)				Class B (greater than 30 cubic yards)			
	Outside the Central Business District		Within the Central Business District		Outside the Central Business District		Within the Central Business District	
	1-3 Days	Per Month	1-3 Days	Per Month	1-3 Days	Per Month	1-3 Days	Per Month
Alley	\$50	\$100	\$100	200	\$100	\$200	\$200	\$400
Curb Lane	\$50	\$100	\$100	200	\$100	\$200	\$200	\$400
Parkway	\$50	\$100	\$100	200	\$100	\$200	\$200	\$400
Sidewalk	\$50	\$100	\$100	200	\$100	\$200	\$200	\$400

In 2014, revenue from construction dumpster permits was \$600,000. Fees were last increased in 2001.

The City also requires a permit for barricades that obstruct the public way. During construction, it may become necessary for contractors to block off parts of the street or sidewalk for safety reasons. Barricade permit fees range between \$20 and \$800 per foot each month, depending on what is being obstructed (street, alley, sidewalk, bike lane), if the obstruction is in the Central Business District, and the level of obstruction (partial or total obstruction).

In 2014, revenue from barricade permits was \$5.8 million. Fees were last increased in 2003.

### Revenue/Cost Impact

Increasing the dumpster fee by 50% could bring an additional \$300,000 in revenue if the number of permits remains constant.

Increasing the fee for barricade permits by 50% could bring an additional \$2.9 million in revenue if the number of barricade permits remains constant. However, a fee increase for barricade permits may impact how contractors operate due to the larger overall cost of barricades. For example, barricading a lane of a street inside the Central Business District for more than three days costs \$40 per foot per month, with a minimum charge of \$800 per month. A lane closure of 6 months would cost a minimum of \$5,600. A 50% increase would add at least \$2,800 to the cost of the project.

### Legal Authority

Increasing the fee on dumpsters and/or barricades is within the City's authority, and changing the fee requires amendment of the Municipal Code.