



**CITY OF PHILADELPHIA  
DEPARTMENT OF STREETS**

**Regulations Governing Fees And Charges For Various Permitted Activities Under  
Sections 11-105, 11-203, 11-605, 11-610, 11-611 and 11-804 of The Philadelphia Code**

Fees are hereby established for permits issued pursuant to authority granted in The Philadelphia Code (“the Code”) as follows:

**Section 1. Definitions.**

A. Center City. Means the area bounded by Spring Garden Street, the Delaware River, South Street, and the Schuylkill River, including all parts of the boundary streets.

B. University City. Means the area bounded by the Schuylkill River to the east, Spring Garden Street from the Schuylkill River to 40<sup>th</sup> Street, 40<sup>th</sup> Street from Spring Garden to Powelton Avenue, Powelton Avenue from 40<sup>th</sup> Street to Market Street, Market Street from Powelton Avenue to 50<sup>th</sup> Street, 50<sup>th</sup> Street from Market Street to Springfield Avenue, Springfield Avenue from 50<sup>th</sup> Street to 49<sup>th</sup> Street, 49<sup>th</sup> Street from Springfield Avenue to Woodland Avenue, Woodland Avenue from 49<sup>th</sup> Street to 45<sup>th</sup> Street, 45<sup>th</sup> Street from Woodland Avenue extended to the Schuylkill River, including all parts of the boundary streets.

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**Section 2. Permit Fees for Breaking Streets and Footways Under Code Section 11-203.**

A. Fees for permits for breaking streets and footways pursuant to section 11-203(7) of the Code are as follows:

1. Paved Street -- \$550 for the first two square yards plus \$145 for each additional square yard or portion thereof. If, after breaking a street, a plumber finds a void underneath the street, the plumber is responsible for immediately reporting the void to the District Highway Yard in which the ditch is located. The Highway District supervisor will verify the void. After verification, the Streets Department will not assess the plumber the additional square yardage. Plumbers failing to report voids will be assessed the extra square yardage.
2. Unpaved Street -- \$50 per opening
3. Footway -- \$25 per opening

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B. The permit fees required under Section 2 (A) reimburse the Streets Department its cost for restoring street openings . The Streets Department Regulations Governing Street Openings, Excavations and Restoration require a developer involved in a private development project which contains a combination of one or more elements set forth in A and B to mill and pave the adjacent roadway. The combination of items listed in A and B that trigger milling and paving of the adjacent roadway are: A) (i) the disturbance of more than 40% of the roadway **or** (ii) the installation of an average of at least three utility connections **and** B) (i) new construction or substantial improvement of six or more lots, **or** (ii) new construction or substantial improvement of 100 linear feet, **or** (iii) restoration of a structure that abuts a historic street. The developer may choose to pay the restoration fee in Section 2 (A) above for utility connection ditches on the development project and the Streets Department will restore those ditches. Alternatively, the developer may choose to restore the ditches. If the latter choice is selected, the developer must inform the Streets Department of this choice during the permit application process. At the time the developer is ready to open the street for utility connection purposes, the developer must instruct the plumber on the job to contact the Streets Department. The Streets Department will issue the plumber a waiver letter to be submitted to the PWD Plumber Permit counter. The plumber will be issued an inspection permit for \$60 per ditch instead of the \$550 permit listed under Section 2 (A). The Streets Department must be contacted to schedule an inspector to be on site prior to and during the concrete pour. When the final restoration is complete, the Streets Department must again be contacted so that an inspector may inspect the completed work. Any defect found by the inspector must be remedied by the plumber and/or Developer as determined by the Streets Department.

**Section 3. Permit Fees for Placing Construction Materials in the Roadway Under Code Section 11-605.**

A. Fees for permits for placing construction materials in the roadway pursuant to Code section 11-605 are \$1.00 per linear foot of occupancy per week, with a minimum fee of \$40 per week.

B. Occupancy for any period of time less than seven days shall be charged as a full week.

**Section 4. Permit Fees for Placing Construction Equipment in the Roadway Under Code Section 11-610.**

A. Fees for permits for placing construction equipment in the roadway pursuant to Code section 11-610 are as follows:

1. Construction Dumpsters. For permits for the placement of a construction dumpster, the fee shall be \$40 per week.

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2. Partial Street Closures. For permits for the closure or occupancy of sidewalks, parking lanes or travel lanes for the placement or maintenance of all other construction equipment, fees shall be charged on a weekly basis as set forth below, per linear foot of closure or occupancy, with a minimum weekly fee of \$40 per block and a maximum yearly fee of \$50,000 per type of closure per block. Additionally, for full sidewalk closures, after the first week the minimum weekly fee per block will be \$200 in Center City and University City and \$100 in all other areas.

<u>Type of Closure</u>	<u>Center City &amp; University City</u>	<u>All other Areas</u>
Sidewalk Shelter Platform with 6 foot Width Pedestrian Walkway	No Fee	No Fee
Partial Sidewalk Closure	\$1.00	\$0.50
Full Sidewalk Closure Accompanied By Creation Of Protected Footway in Parking Lane	\$1.50	\$0.75
Parking Lane	\$2.00	\$1.00
Full Sidewalk Closure	\$3.00	\$1.50
Travel Lane	\$3.00	\$1.50

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3. Full Street Closures. For permits for full street closures, fees shall be charged as follows:

- a. For closures associated with helicopter lifts, the fee shall be \$250 for a permit of up to six hours for up to ten blocks, plus \$50 per each block in excess ten blocks.
- b. For all other permits for periods of five days or less, the fee shall be \$125 per day per block with any period of less than twenty-four hours charged as a full day.
- c. For any period in excess of five days, the following fees shall be charged on a weekly basis per block, with a maximum fee per block per year of \$50,000 in Center City and University City, and \$25,000 in all other areas:

<u>Center City &amp; University City</u>	<u>All other Areas</u>
\$1,000	\$500

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B. For fees charged on a weekly basis, closure or occupancy for any period of time less than seven days shall be charged as a full week.

C. For fees charged per block, full closure of a portion of a block shall constitute closure of the block.

**Section 5. Permit fees for Temporary Street Closures Under Code Section 11-611.**

A. Fees for permits for the temporary closure of sidewalks, parking lanes or travel lanes for building maintenance, loading or unloading or related activities pursuant to section 11-611 of the Code shall be as follows:

1. For "Temporary No Parking Signs" the fee shall be \$25 per day. A maximum of forty linear feet shall be posted. The maximum posting duration shall be forty-eight hours.

2. For partial sidewalk closures for periodic window washing, the fee shall be \$150 per block per year.

3. All other permits under section 11-611 shall be charged on a weekly basis set forth below, per linear foot of closure or occupancy, with a minimum weekly fee of \$40 per block, and a maximum yearly fee of \$50,000 per type of closure per block. Additionally, for full sidewalk closures, after the first week the minimum weekly fee per block will be \$200 in Center City and University City and \$100 in all other areas.

<u>Type of Closure</u>	<u>Center City &amp; University City</u>	<u>All other Areas</u>
Sidewalk Shelter Platform with six (6) foot Width Pedestrian Walkway	No Fee	No Fee
Partial Sidewalk Closure	\$1.00	\$0.50
Full Sidewalk Closure Accompanied By Creation of Protected Footway in Parking Lane	\$1.50	\$0.75
Parking Lane	\$2.00	\$1.00
Full Sidewalk Closure	\$3.00	\$1.50
Travel Lane	\$3.00	\$1.50

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B. For permits charged on a weekly basis, closure or occupancy for any period of time less than seven days shall be charged as a full week.

**Section 6. Permit Fees for Placement of Portable On-Demand Storage Units (PODS) Under Code Section 11-804.**

The fee for a permit to place a POD in the public right-of-way pursuant to section 11-804 of the Code shall be \$40.

**Section 7. Supplemental Inspection Fees Under Code Section 11-105.**

A. If an activity requires a permit or action by the Department under Title 11 of the Code for which a fee or charge is established by regulation, and the activity is carried out before such permit or action by the Department is obtained, the person or persons responsible for obtaining such a permit or action shall pay, in addition to the permit fee or other charge, an inspection fee equal to the amount of the permit fee or other charge, in order to obtain the permit or action by the Department.

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Note: The amendments to Section 2.A. and 2.B. of the above regulations shall be effective January 1, 2016.