

# Annual Fees For SWF & WCF In The Right-Of-Way

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## Annual Right-of-Way Use Fees for Small Wireless Facilities

Small Wireless Facility (SWF) on City-owned Pole in the ROW

*Antenna area 6 cubic feet or less with associated equipment 28 cubic feet or less.*

- A. \$50.00 per SWF site per calendar year for use of the right-of-way.
- B. \$50.00 per SWF site per calendar year for the co-location of a SWF on a City-owned streetlight, traffic signal pole or other City-owned wireless support structure.

Small Wireless Facility (SWF) on a Third Party-owned Pole in the ROW

*Antenna area 6 cubic feet or less with associated equipment 28 cubic feet or less.*

\$50.00 per SWF site per calendar year for the co-location of a SWF on a Third Party-owned utility pole of wireless support structure in the ROW. Wireless provider shall provide documentation from the Third Party pole owner authorizing the use of the pole as a SWF.

## Annual Right-of-Way Use Fees for non-SWF Wireless Communication Facilities (WCF)

**Category 1** – WCF with antenna(s) mounted on an EXISTING vertical element or pole and any associated ground equipment. Each WCF site will have an Antenna Base Fee of \$4,997 for a WCF site on the ROW, plus a Ground Equipment Fee (if applicable) for the cubic feet of ground equipment in the ROW, as set forth below:

	Antenna Base Fee	Equipment Fee	Total WCF Annual Fee
A. Total is 29 cu. ft. up to 50 cu. ft.	Included	Included	\$4,997
B. Total is 51 cu. ft. up to 200 cu. ft.	\$4,997	\$9,479	\$14,470
C. Total is 201 cu. ft. up to 300 cu. ft.	\$4,997	\$14,149	\$19,146
D. Total is 301 cu. ft. up to 400 cu. ft.	\$4,997	\$18,889	\$23,880
E. Total is 401 cu. ft. or more	\$4,997	\$23,560	\$28,557

**Category 2** – WCF with antenna(s) mounted on a NEW vertical element that is stealth or utilizes alternative concealment when existing vertical elements are not available, and any associated ground equipment. Each WCF site will have an Antenna Base Fee of \$5,376 for a WCF site on the ROW, plus a Ground Equipment Fee (if applicable) for the cubic feet of ground equipment in the ROW, as set forth below:

	Antenna Base Fee	Equipment Fee	Total WCF Annual Fee
A. Total is 29 cu. ft. up to 50 cu. ft.	Included	Included	\$5,376
B. Total is 51 cu. ft. up to 200 cu. ft.	\$5,376	\$9,479	\$14,854
C. Total is 201 cu. ft. up to 300 cu. ft.	\$5,376	\$14,149	\$19,530
D. Total is 301 cu. ft. up to 400 cu. ft.	\$5,376	\$18,889	\$24,264
E. Total is 401 cu. ft. or more	\$5,376	\$23,560	\$28,941

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## Annual Right-of-Way Use Fees for non-SWF Wireless Communication Facilities (WCF)

**Category 3** – WCF with antenna(s) mounted on a NEW vertical element that is neither stealth nor concealed in appearance, and any associated ground equipment. Each WCF site will have an Antenna Base Fee of \$7,169 for a WCF site on the ROW, plus a Ground Equipment Fee (if applicable) for the cubic feet of ground equipment in the ROW, as set forth below:

	Antenna Base Fee	Equipment Fee	Total WCF Annual Fee
A. Total is 29 cu. ft. up to 50 cu. ft.	Included	Included	\$7,169
B. Total is 51 cu. ft. up to 200 cu. ft.	\$7,169	\$9,479	\$16,648
C. Total is 201 cu. ft. up to 300 cu. ft.	\$7,169	\$14,149	\$21,319
D. Total is 301 cu. ft. up to 400 cu. ft.	\$7,169	\$18,889	\$26,058
E. Total is 401 cu. ft. or more	\$7,169	\$23,560	\$30,734

## Annual Fees for WCF in the ROW (Instructions) For Non-SWF Wireless Communication Facilities

The annual encroachment permit fees for wireless communications facilities in the rights-of-way categories above shall be administered according to the following rules:

1. The fee structure shall apply to the installation of any antennas, antenna structures, ground equipment, electronics, cabinets, and other appurtenances required or associated with the operation of a wireless communications facility (WCF) in the City’s rights-of-way (ROW).
  - a. All existing WCF in ROW that have been constructed or received permits by July 2, 2009 will be eligible to have the annual WCF in ROW fee set at a rate of \$14,286 for FY 2025-2026 (July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026). The rate of **\$14,286** is subject to annual increases adopted by the City Council.
  - b. WCF sites in the ROW that were “on-air” prior to July 3, 2009 and are subsequently modified will be subject to the Annual Fees for WCF in the ROW when the vertical element is replaced or when the original ground mounted equipment is expanded.
2. Antenna Structures and Base Fee – In cases where the existing vertical element is replaced for structural purposes with a pole designed to support the antennas and cabling, the WCF will be categorized as being installed on an existing vertical element. The Antenna Base Fee includes up to 50 cubic feet of ground equipment and any electrical conductors necessary to operate the WCF site.
3. Ground Equipment Fee – The ground equipment measurement is calculated by the size of a flat, four-sided “box” (parallel sides of equal length) with a top panel that is parallel to the ground so that the box will cover the ground equipment from the top of the equipment to the ground (non-improved dirt surface), and from side-to-side, including any foundation or pad for the equipment. For situations where there is more than one ground equipment fixture or cabinet (adjacent to each other or within the same use area), the equipment fixtures, cabinets and generators are deemed to be part of the same contiguous ground equipment space and will be measured together within the same box. Any Remote Radio Heads or Remote Radio Units mounted to a cabinet, post or wall in the same area with the ground equipment shall be included in the measurement for the ground equipment. Electrical meters and telecom pedestals are not included in the ground equipment.

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4. WCF site that has both the vertical element and ground equipment in the ROW will be assessed an amount equal to the Antenna Base Fee plus the Ground Equipment Fee, except that:
  - a. WCF sites that have the antennas installed on a vertical element in the ROW but the ground equipment installed on private property will be assessed the Antenna Base Fee only.
  - b. WCF sites with antennas on a vertical element located on private property but with the ground equipment in the ROW, will be assessed the Ground Equipment Fee only.
5. All WCF in the ROW must have an Antenna Site Right-of-Way License Agreement (ARLA) document submitted to the City for each WCF site installed and operated in the ROW.
6. An invoice for the annual WCF in the ROW permit fee is sent to the person and address provided on the ARLA document, every July with payment due every Aug. 25th.
7. The ARLA is an encroachment permit allowing the WCF to be in the ROW; a WCF owner or applicant must obtain a "Permission to Work in the ROW" permit to construct, repair or maintain the WCF site.
8. The annual WCF in the ROW permit fee does not include fees and charges for any other planning & development fees, permits, plan review fees, inspection fees, or any other services or approvals that may be required by the City of an owner or applicant of a WCF in the ROW.

**Note: This fee schedule is not all-inclusive and other fees may apply.**

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