

CHAPTER 2025-22

No. 294 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 23, "STREETS, SIDEWALKS, AND PUBLIC PLACES," AND CHAPTER 25, "WATER AND SEWERS," TO AMEND VARIOUS PERMIT FEE AMOUNTS

Approved July 2, 2025

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

**Section 1.** Section 23-69 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, entitled "Curb cuts; permit required", is hereby amended as follows:

No person, firm or corporation shall engage in the alteration of any curb without first filing an application with the director of public works in writing and obtaining a permit therefor. Said permits shall be subject to the approval of the engineer. The fee for said permit shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) for residential property and two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for commercial or industrial property.

**Section 2.** Subsections (c) and (d) of section 25-73 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, entitled "Building sewers and connections", is hereby amended as follows:

(c) Types of permits established. There shall be three (3) classes of building sewer permits: class A permits, which shall authorize the connection of establishments generating essentially sanitary waste water, as defined in section 25-72, to the public sewer; class B permits, which shall authorize the connection of establishments producing industrial waste water, as defined in section 25-72, to the public sewer; and class C permits, which shall authorize the connection of establishments handling only stormwater, to the extent permitted by section 25-75.

(d) Application requirements. Application for a building sewer permit shall be made by a licensed plumber or licensed drain layer for the building to be connected and shall be made on an application form provided by the director. Each application shall be supplemented with the plans and specifications for the sewer connection and such other information relating to the building and the wastes to be discharged as may be considered pertinent by the director. At his discretion, the director may also require that all plans, specifications and data so submitted shall bear the seal and signature of a professional engineer registered in the State of Rhode Island. A permit and inspection fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for a class A permit, of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for a Class B permit, and of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) for a Class C permit shall be paid to the city at the time the application is filed.

**Section 3.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
JUN 05 2025  
FIRST READING  
READ AND PASSED

*Jina L. Mastrosanni*  
CLERK

IN CITY  
COUNCIL  
JUN 26 2025  
FINAL READING  
READ AND PASSED

*Rachel M. Miller*  
RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT  
*Jina L. Mastrosanni*  
CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

*Butt P. Smith*  
Mayor

Date: *7/2/25*

Fine or Fee: (Ordinance)	Department	Name	Description	Current Fine/Fee	FY23 Occurrences	FY23 Revenue	Proposed Increase	Projected Additional Revenue
Fee	Public Works	Street closure permit - resident does work	This is when the street needs to be closed for an event or construction purpose, but the road is opened back up at the end of each day. <b>This fee is for when the resident places cones out and signage up themselves.</b>	\$25	3,160	\$79,000	\$50	\$79,000
Fee	Public Works	Street closure permit - DPW does work	This is when the street needs to be closed for an event or construction purpose, but the road is opened back up at the end of each day. <b>This fee is for when DPW places cones out and signage up.</b>	\$185	340	\$62,900	\$350	\$56,100
Fee	Public Works	Sewer construction and drain maintenance - domestic use	A sewer maintenance permit ( <b>domestic use</b> ) in Providence is required for residents performing work on a sanitary sewer system to ensure that household wastewater flows properly, does not pose health or environmental risks.	\$50	203	\$10,150	\$100	\$10,150
Fee	Public Works	Sewer construction and drain maintenance	A <b>storm drain connection permit</b> is required for a resident in Providence to ensure that any connection to the city's storm drainage system is properly designed and does not cause flooding, pollution, or damage to public infrastructure.	\$75	10	\$750	\$150	\$750
Fee	Public Works	Sewer construction and drain maintenance - industrial waste	A sewer maintenance permit in Providence is required for work on sewer lines handling <b>industrial waste</b> to ensure that wastewater from businesses or factories is properly managed and does not harm the city's sewer system or the environment.	\$100	0	\$0	\$200	\$0
Fee	Public Works	Commercial Curb work permit	This is used when improvements are being made in front of a business or other commercial property.	\$150	17	\$2,550	\$200	\$850