



SFMTA

San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency

Streamlining Process for Setting Fees and Fines

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Types of Fees and Fines

- Fines – Assessed for violations adopted by state or local law
 - Parking
 - Transit
 - Taxi and mobility service
- Fees – Assessed to recover costs associated with providing services
 - Environmental review
 - Towing
 - Parking permits
 - Relocation of signs, meter, etc.

Current process for fee and fine changes

- There are more than 375 types of fees and fines contained within the Transportation Code
- Historically, the majority of fees are escalated by the SFMTAs Indexing policy – based on a combination of COLA (cost of living adjustment) and CPI (consumer price index)
- Two-year rates are adopted as part of the budget
- Most increases are administrative and routine
- Process is time consuming and cumbersome, requiring the preparation of a Transportation Code amendment exceeding 30 pages

Transportation Code Amendment Example

	FY 201921 Effective July 1, 201820	FY 202022 Effective July 1, 201921
Special Traffic Permit (§ 903)		
Base Permit Fee:	\$322333	\$333350
Daily Fee:	\$6668	\$6871
Late Fee:	\$361374	\$374393
Temporary Exclusive Use of Parking Meters (§ 904)		
Base Permit Fee: per 25 linear feet of construction frontage per day, including weekends and holidays:	\$4116	\$4216.50
Residential Area Parking Permit (§ 905)		
Motorcycle (Annual)	\$102113	\$108119
Motorcycle (Less than 6 months)	\$5157	\$5460
Resident/Business/School/Fire Station/Foreign Consulate/Medical & Childcare Provider Base Permit Fee:		
(1 year):	\$136152	\$144160
(Less than 6 months):	\$6775	\$7179
Permit Transfer:	\$2325	\$2426
1-Day Flex Permit (purchased within one calendar year):		
1-5 permits	\$67each permit	\$67each permit
6-15 permits	\$89each permit	\$89 each permit
16-20 permits	\$1214each permit	\$1215 each permit
Short-Term Permits		
2 weeks:	\$4854	\$5157
4 weeks:	\$6977	\$7381
6 weeks:	\$8999	\$94104
8 weeks:	\$116129	\$123135
Contractor Permit (§ 906)		
Base Permit Fee		
Annual/Renewal:	\$1,6022,104	\$1,7322,169
Less than 6 Months:	\$8221,064	\$8871,097

Proposed Transportation Code changes

Fee and Fine Schedule Example

Community Service Processing Fees	Effective 3/19/24
Total Outstanding Fine/Penalty Amount	
\$0-\$300	\$27
\$301-\$600	\$54
\$601-\$1,000	\$79
Payment Plan	Effective 3/19/24
Description	
Processing Fee	\$25.00
Low Income Processing Fee	\$5.00
Permits	Effective 3/19/24
Resident/Business/School/Fire Station/Foreign Consulate/Medical & Childcare Provider Base	
Annual	\$170
Expires within 6 months or less	\$85
Motorcycle (Annual)	\$85
Motorcycle (Less than 6 months)	\$43
Replacement/Permit Transfer:	\$28
1-Day Flex Permit (purchased within one calendar year):	
1-5 permits	\$7 each permit
6-15 permits	\$9 each permit
16-20 permits	\$15 each
Short-Term Permits	
2 weeks:	\$61
4 weeks:	\$87
6 weeks:	\$111
8 weeks:	\$144
Contractor Permit (§ 906)	
Annual	\$2,340
Expires within 6 months or less	\$1,170
Permit Transfer Fee:	\$27
Vanpool Permit (§ 907)	
Annual	\$170
Expires within 6 months or less	\$85
Vehicle Press Permit (§ 912)	
Base Permit Fee: The permit fee shall only be increased pursuant to the Automatic	\$77
Farmer's Market Parking Permit (§ 801(c)(17))	
Base Permit Fee (quarterly):	\$263
SFMTA Permit/City Vehicle Parking Permit	
Based on annualized Parking Meter Use Fee	\$4,160

- Transportation Code will be amended to:
 - Adopt current fees and fines as of March 19th as the base
 - Authorize escalation through an administrative process based on SFMTA indexing policy each year
 - Authorize charges for actual costs for special services requested such as sign and meter relocation, transportation studies, etc.

Budget review

- As part of the two-year budget process, staff will review all fees and fines to identify those that require increases above indexing
- Basis for recommendations may include:
 - Changes to programs that have resulted in increased labor resources to administer
 - Furtherance of policy goals
 - Legislative changes
- Any rates proposed to be escalated above indexing will be included for approval by the Board of Directors as part of the budget process and subject to public hearing

Budget review

- Transit fares will continue to be approved by MTAB and sent to Mayor and Board of Supervisors as part of SFMTA budget.

Thank you