

FAQs:

What are the Fees?

What and why are the fees changing??

Name/Issue	Fee Change
<p>Hoardings Refund Fee Hoardings are the use of boards, fences or other standing structures to create a barrier between the worksite and public areas to signal and secure the boundary of a construction site for safety purposes. When a land owner finishes ahead of their hoarding fee time, they can seek a refund. Currently there is no refund fee.</p>	<p>Current Fee: \$0</p> <p>Proposed Fee: \$1,000</p> <p>The proposed fee covers Council's cost, including staff review and assessment, and administration costs.</p>
<p>Work Zone Permit An on-street works zone, sometimes known as a construction loading zone, is a section of road where vehicles involved in construction work can stop.</p>	<p>Current Fee: Various (see Proposed Fees and Charges Table 2023/24)</p> <p>Category: LGA wide</p> <p>Proposed Fee Category: Chatswood CBD and St Leonards, and all other areas.</p> <p>The proposed fees for the Chatswood CBD and St Leonards area is 50% in addition to the standard (all other areas) fee, and 70% in addition for a permit for more than a year.</p> <p>Fee change will more effectively cover cost for larger, more complicated assessments associated with large developments in the CBD and St Leonards.</p>
<p>Crane / Heavy Permit / Road Closure Occupation of public roads for crane / concrete pump / heavy plant, including a closure of the lane or road.</p>	<p>Current Fee: Various (see Proposed Fees and Charges Table 2023/24)</p> <p>Category: LGA wide</p> <p>Proposed Fee Category: Chatswood CBD and St Leonards, and all other areas.</p> <p>The proposed fees for the Chatswood CBD and St Leonards area is 50% in addition to the standard (all other areas) fee, which reflects the high impact of disruption in this area.</p> <p>A 'change of date' fee is increased from \$111.50 to \$150.00, and is consistent with fees for refunds and all change of date for similar applications.</p>

<p>Planning Agreements (VPAs) Planning Proposal / Development Contributions – Letter of VPA Offer Lodgement Fee only</p> <p>Planning Agreements are a means of delivering public infrastructure and infrastructure funding required to support new development. They are delivered at the developer’s cost.</p>	<p>Current Fee: \$0</p> <p>Proposed Fee: \$5,000</p> <p>It is proposed to introduce a new charge of \$5,000 for lodgement of a Planning Agreement letter of offer and general review of the Planning Agreement.</p> <p>The proposed fee covers Council’s cost, including staff review and assessment, and administration costs.</p>
<p>Building Information Certificates Certificate to confirm building works will not be the subject of regulatory action by Council for a period of 7 years. Often used when unauthorised building works have been undertaken.</p>	<p>Current Fee: 150% of the DA and CC cost</p> <p>Proposed Fee: 300% of DA and CC cost</p> <p>This better reflects the cost to Council, and will serve as a disincentive for unauthorised building works.</p>
<p>Tree Preservation Order Applications Inspection and assessment of privately owned trees where an application has been made for pruning or removal.</p>	<p>Current Fee: \$52.50 for the inspection and assessment of up to three trees.</p> <p>Proposed Fee: \$247.00 for the inspection and assessment of up to three trees.</p> <p>The proposed fee covers Council’s cost, including staff review and assessment, and administration costs.</p>
<p>Tree Preservation Order Applications Exempt or Complying Development Certificate application (inc. inspection + permit)</p>	<p>Current Fee: \$242.00 for the inspection and assessment of up to three trees.</p> <p>Proposed Fee: \$485.00 for the inspection and assessment of up to three trees.</p> <p>The proposed fee covers Council’s cost, including staff review and assessment, and administration costs.</p>