

Motion Sheet

I move to amend the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 City of Austin Fee schedule by adjusting the following:

Transportation and Public Works - Transportation Fund	2025-2026 Amended Fee	2026-2027 Proposed Fee	Percent Change	Note
Film Permit Application	\$305.00	-\$425.00 \$250.00	-39% -18%	/application

Rationale:

Per longstanding City Policy (ORDINANCE NO. 20080306-038), Austin has sought to encourage filming of movies, television programming, commercials, and music videos, and has waived or reduced fees for facility use and rental for qualifying projects. After being set at no cost for many years, a fee for this service was established in 2024. By adjusting this fee to \$250, it makes it roughly consistent with other major cities in Texas (copied below).

Houston: Free to film in the Right of Way. Costs may be incurred when parking and hiring police are required. Park properties have a \$150 permit cost.

San Antonio: Free to film in the Right of Way and Parks. Costs may be incurred when parking and hiring police are required.

Dallas: \$50 film permit application fee. High impact roadwork requires a \$250 permit coordinating fee. Costs may be incurred when parking and hiring police are required.

Fort Worth: There is a \$250 film permit coordinating fee. A refundable \$700 security deposit is required, which is unique and not required by any other city in the region.

As a part of a cost of service study, 240 permits were issued in the baseline year. A reduction of \$55 x 240 permits is expected to have a revenue impact of \$13,200.