

Seattle Permits

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List of Street Use Permits

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The City of Seattle requires a Street Use Permit for use and occupation of public streets or public sidewalks, also known as street rights-of-way.

This Client Assistance Memo (CAM) describes the types of permits issued by Street Use, a section of the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT). You may apply for some of these permits using SDOT's online permitting system.

To better understand the requirements for your Street Use Permit, please follow these steps:

1. Identify the type of Street Use Permit that you need. [Table 1](#) lists all of the uses that require permits through Street Use. The last column in the table indicates whether an online application is available for the proposed use.
2. After identifying the appropriate type of permit, review the Descriptive Information in [Table 2](#) to learn how to interpret the use-specific information available later in this CAM. If this is the first time you have applied for a Street Use Permit or you are uncertain about what is required, a visit to the Street Use permit counter is recommended.
3. Next, carefully review the [Detailed Use Information](#) provided in this CAM to confirm that you have identified the correct type of use. There is one table for each use that describes the use and identifies the information you will need when applying for your permit. Be sure to have the necessary information available when you start the application process.

Contact Information

Contact the following City offices for more information.

Street Use Permits

Street Use
(206) 684-5253
Seattle Municipal Tower, 23rd Floor
700 5th Avenue
P.O. Box 34996
Seattle, Washington 98124-4996

Street Trees

City Arborist
(206) 684-7649
Seattle Municipal Tower, 23rd Floor

Traffic Plans

Traffic Permit Counter
(206) 684-5086
Seattle Municipal Tower, 37th Floor

Dept of Planning and Development

DPD Permit Center
(206) 684-8850
Seattle Municipal Tower, 20th Floor

www.seattle.gov/transportation

Table 1 – Use Details for Street Use Permits

Description of Use	Use Code	May Apply Online?
Annual Materials Storage	12	No
Building Maintenance Over Right of Way (Per Building)	48	No
Bus Shelter Installation	41	Yes
Clear and Grub	35	Yes
Concrete Driveways “Curb Cut”	26	No
Construction Use	31	Yes
Contractor Equipment, Vehicles	33	Yes
Cornices, Architectural Features	23	No
Cross Curb and Walk with Equipment	47	Yes
Driveways, Asphalt	25	Yes
Excavation	22	No
Fences, Non-Structural Walls	29	Yes
First Amendment Vending	14C	No
Grade and Rock, Temporary	34	Yes
Ground Signs	2A	No
Installation and Overhangs in State Waterways Permits	WW100	No
Installation of Public Art	15	No
Marquees, Awnings, Canopies	27	Yes
Merchandise Display on Sidewalks	18A	Yes
Mobile Cranes, Manlifts, Etc	44	Yes
Moorage in State Waterways	WW200	No
Moorage in Submerged Street	12A	No
New Sidewalk with Existing Curb	37	No
Residential Debris Dumpster	31B	Yes
Roadway Paving	40	Yes
Scaffolding, Etc	50	Yes
Shoring Unremoved	22B	No
Sidewalk Cafés	18	No
Sidewalk Repair	55	Yes
Signs, Flags, Etc	6	Yes
Small Directional Signs	2	No
Stadium Vending, April-September	14D	Yes
Stadium Vending, October-March	14E	Yes
Stanchions	27A	No
Street Barricading	3	No
Street Barricading, Temporary	3A	Yes
Street Decorations	52	Yes
Street Improvements	45	No
Street Openings, Miscellaneous	49	Yes
Structural Walls, Rockeries	29A	Yes
Structures and Overhangs	7	No
Structures and Overhangs in Submerged Street Areas	7A	No
Structures and Overhangs in Submerged Street Areas for Access to Business or Dwellings	7B	No
Surface Planting Strip Including Required Landscaping	38	Yes
Tables and Chairs	14B	Yes
Temp Moorage, Etc, State Waterways	WW250	No
Temporary Placement of Materials for Bus Staging	13	No
Tree Planting and Beautification	1	Yes
Tree Pruning	1A	Yes
Tree Removal, Blocking Street	43	Yes
Utility Aerials	51C	Yes

LEGAL DISCLAIMER: This Client Assistance Memo (CAM) should not be used as a substitute for codes and regulations. The applicant is responsible for compliance with all code and rule requirements, whether or not described in this CAM.

Description of Use	Use Code	May Apply Online?
Utility Maintenance	51E	Yes
Utility Main Line or Inserts	51A	No
Utility Poles (< 500 permits per year)	51B	Yes
Utility Poles (> 500 permits per year)	51H	Yes
Utility Service Conduit by Private Party	51G	Yes
Utility Service Connect (< 500 permits per year)	51D	Yes
Utility Service Connect (> 500 permits per year)	51I	Yes
Utility Side Sewer Use of Row	51F	No
Utility System Construction	51	No
Vending Carts	14A	No
Ventilating Duct Permits	8	No
Water Service Lines < 2 Inches Diameter	28	Yes

Table 2 is a legend that explains the information contained in the Detailed Use Information tables that start on page 5. Other information may be required before your permit is issued. The Street Use Permit issuer will inform you about what additional information is required after your application is submitted.

Table 2 – Descriptive Information

Field Name	Information
Description	This is a general description of the use code and the permit scenarios to which it applies.
Restrictions	Examples of permit scenarios that appear to be similar but are not included in this use code are listed here.
Deposit Required With Application	If you apply on line, you may be required to pay a deposit.
Example(s)	Applicable examples that will help clarify what this use code may be used for are listed here.
Online Application Allowed	Indicates whether you may apply for this type of permit using the Online Permitting system.
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	If you apply online, any information referenced in this field should be explained in detail in the "Permit Description Field" field in the permit application.
Permit Type	This field refers to the type of permit. You must know the Permit Type when applying for a permit on line. The type may be 1) A Simple Street Use permit (issued for temporary use of the right-of-way during construction such as material storage, scaffolding, crane placement or crossing curb and walk with heavy equipment) or 2) an Annual Street Use permit (issued for long term use of the rights-of-way such as signs, retaining walls, structural overhangs and sidewalk cafes) or 3) a Major Street Use permit (issued for complex shoring, excavation, street improvement, or utility work).

Depending on the type of permit you require or the nature of the work you are performing, you may be required to provide additional information or documentation. A Street Use Permit Specialist will inform you of additional requirements via e-mail or telephone. Table 3 describes the types of additional information that may be required.

Table 3-Additional Requirements for Permit Issuance

Field	Information
Plans Required	A detailed plan is a scaled drawing that shows the proposed work in the right-of-way area. It can be drawn in 1 to 10 or 1 to 20 scale (1 inch equals 10 feet or 1 inch equals 20 feet)..
Insurance Required	Liability property damage insurance is sometimes required in the amount of \$1 million with an endorsement listing the city as an additional insured party. For more information about this insurance, please get a copy of CAM 2102 from the Street Use web site.
Indemnity Agreement Required	An indemnity agreement is sometimes required. This is a document that is filed with the County by the applicant and is associated with the deed of a private property. Street Use staff will provide more information on the process.
Field Report Required	A field report is a proposed description and scope of work. A copy of the field report form is available on the Street Use web site.
Additional Documentation Needed	Documentation beyond what is listed in this document may need to be submitted with the permit. Note: All permits require a Traffic Control Plan if the work in the right-of-way is on an arterial road.

Detailed Use Information

The following tables (one per use) provide important information relating to a particular use.

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Annual Materials Storage - 12	
Description	Store non-construction related materials in the right-of-way on a long-term basis.
Restrictions	Right-of-way areas on underwater streets are not included.
Deposit Required With Application	Yes
Example(s)	Storing material in an industrial area on a long-term basis.
Online Application Allowed	No
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	Exact dimensions of storage area
Permit Type	Annual Renewing Street Use

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Building Maintenance Over Right of Way (Per Building) - 48	
Description	Use of swingstage or other overhead equipment for building maintenance on an annual basis.
Restrictions	
Deposit Required With Application	No
Example(s)	
Online Application Allowed	No
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	
Permit Type	Annual Renewing Street Use

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Bus Shelter Installation - 41	
Description	Erect and maintain bus shelter.
Restrictions	Only King County employees can request this permit.
Deposit Required With Application	Yes
Example(s)	
Online Application Allowed	Yes
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	Location of bus shelter Dimensions of bus shelter Exact address
Permit Type	Simple Street Use

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Clear and Grub - 35	
Description	Clear and grub street or alley area.
Restrictions	Grade changes (increasing or decreasing the elevation of the right-of-ways), leveling and application of rock for structure improvement are not included.
Deposit Required With Application	Yes
Example(s)	Clearing brush from an alleyway.
Online Application Allowed	Yes
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	Dimensions of alleyway (length and width)
Permit Type	Simple Street Use

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Concrete Driveways “Curb Cut” - 26	
Description	Construction of driveway approaches in the public right of way where concrete curbs exist.
Restrictions	
Deposit Required With Application	Yes
Example(s)	
Online Application Allowed	No
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	
Permit Type	Simple Street Use

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Construction Use - 31	
Description	Place construction materials in the right of way
Restrictions	
Deposit Required With Application	It is required in some situations.
Example(s)	Use of sidewalk to store construction materials
Online Application Allowed	Yes
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	Location Parking restrictions Dimensions Duration Note: If the duration of this requested permit is longer than 10 days for an arterial location or 30 days for a non-arterial location, please visit Street Use onsite, as consultation is needed.
Permit Type	Simple Street Use

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Contractors Equipment, Vehicles - 33	
Note: Please allow at least 10 days for the permit sticker(s) to be mailed out.	
Description	Use of contractor’s equipment/truck in the public rights of way.
Restrictions	This permit only covers one vehicle. One permit is needed for each vehicle.
Deposit Required With Application	No
Example(s)	Use of tree chipper in right of way without obstructing vehicle or pedestrian traffic.
Online Application Allowed	Yes
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	License plate number of vehicle
Permit Type	Annual Renewing Street Use

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Cornices, Architectural Features - 23	
Description	Decorative features that project over the public right of way.
Restrictions	
Deposit Required With Application	Yes
Example(s)	
Online Application Allowed	No
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	
Permit Type	Simple Street Use

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Cross Curb and Walk with Equipment - 47	
Description	Cross curb and walk with equipment during construction on private property.
Restrictions	Permission to stage equipment on the sidewalk or in the street is not included.
Deposit Required With Application	Yes
Example(s)	
Online Application Allowed	Yes
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	Will the sidewalk be closed or have an on-site spotter?
Permit Type	Simple Street Use

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Driveways, Asphalt - 25	
Description	Construct and maintain asphalt driveway.
Restrictions	Concrete driveway construction and maintenance is not included in this permit. Please contact the Department of Planning and Development (DPD) for concrete driveway permits. DPD is located on the 20 th floor of the Seattle Municipal Tower. The general phone number is (206) 684-8600. This permit is only issued if there is no curb between the property and the street.
Deposit Required With Application	Yes
Example(s)	
Online Application Allowed	Yes
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	Location of driveway Dimensions of driveway
Permit Type	Simple Street Use

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Excavation - 22	
Description	Excavation near or in the public right of way deeper than four feet.
Restrictions	
Deposit Required With Application	Yes
Example(s)	
Online Application Allowed	No
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	
Permit Type	Major Street Use

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Fences, Non-Structural Walls - 29	
Description	Install and maintain non-structural retaining wall, rockery, fence, stairs, steps, or railing. Note: This type of use is highly discouraged but may be considered in some cases.
Restrictions	Structural walls over 4 feet tall are not included.
Deposit Required With Application	Yes
Example(s)	
Online Application Allowed	Yes
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	Where is your property line? What is the height of the structure? What materials are being used?
Permit Type	Simple Street Use

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First Amendment Vending - 14C	
Description	Vending of items by non-profit groups
Restrictions	
Deposit Required With Application	No
Example(s)	
Online Application Allowed	No
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	
Permit Type	Simple Street Use

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Grade and Rock, Temporary - 34	
Description	Level or grade street or alley and install crushed rock.
Restrictions	Paving streets or alleys and clearing brush are not included.
Deposit Required With Application	Yes
Example(s)	
Online Application Allowed	Yes
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	What is the condition of the drainage? Is there a catch basin? Is the flow line to the catch basin changing?
Permit Type	Simple Street Use

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Ground Signs – 2A	
Description	Signs where the footing (or pole) is attached in the public right of way. Note: This type of use is highly discouraged but may be considered in some cases.
Restrictions	
Deposit Required With Application	Yes
Example(s)	
Online Application Allowed	No
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	
Permit Type	Annual Renewing Street Use

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Installation and Overhangs in State Waterways Permits - WW100	
Description	Installation of piers, loading platforms, bridges, scales, overhead hoists, booms, cranes, canopies with stanchions, ramps, steps, floating home access, and all other installations and overhangs in numbered state waterway areas.
Restrictions	
Deposit Required With Application	No
Example(s)	
Online Application Allowed	No
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	
Permit Type	Annual Renewing Street Use

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Installation of Public Art - 15	
Description	Placement of art in the public right of way.
Restrictions	
Deposit Required With Application	It is required in some situations
Example(s)	
Online Application Allowed	No
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	
Permit Type	Simple Street Use

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Marquees, Awnings, Canopies – 27	
Description	Install or maintain marquee, awning or canopy over public right-of-way.
Restrictions	Stanchions are not included in this permit but can be permitted through use code 27A. The marquee, awning or canopy must be a minimum of 8 feet above the public walk area and a minimum of 2 feet behind the curb. If there are graphics, excluding the street address of the property, then an annual sign permit will be required (Use Code 6).
Deposit Required With Application	No
Example(s)	
Online Application Allowed	Yes
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	Dimensions of marquee, awning or canopy (please provide square feet of encroachment) Location Materials of marquee, awning or canopy
Permit Type	Simple Street Use

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Merchandise on Sidewalks – 18A	
Description	Display merchandise on sidewalk.
Restrictions	The display must begin at the face of the building, must not exceed a maximum of three feet in width and there must be a minimum of five feet available for the pedestrian walkway.
Deposit Required With Application	Yes
Example(s)	Setting up a fruit and vegetable stand on the sidewalk.
Online Application Allowed	Yes
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	Location and dimensions of display Dimensions of sidewalk Dimensions of clearances
Permit Type	Annual Renewing Street Use

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Mobile Cranes, Manlifts, Etc - 44	
Description	Stand Man Lift, Crane, Boom Truck or Concrete Pumper in right-of-way while moving materials to private property
Restrictions	Line pumps, scissor lifts and deliveries that do not use boomed equipment are not included.
Deposit Required With Application	Yes
Example(s)	
Online Application Allowed	Yes
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	Location of equipment
Permit Type	Simple Street Use

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Moorage in State Waterways - WW200	
Description	Moorage, barges, floats, storage of materials, or any other activity in a state-owned portion of a numbered waterway.
Restrictions	
Deposit Required With Application	No
Example(s)	
Online Application Allowed	No
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	
Permit Type	Annual Renewing Street Use

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Moorage in Submerged Street - 12A	
Description	Moorage and other activities in submerged streets not covered by other uses.
Restrictions	
Deposit Required With Application	Yes
Example(s)	
Online Application Allowed	No
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	
Permit Type	Annual Renewing Street Use

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New Sidewalk with Existing Curb - 37	
Description	Installation of new sidewalk where there are existing curbs.
Restrictions	
Deposit Required With Application	Yes
Example(s)	
Online Application Allowed	No
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	
Permit Type	Simple Street Use

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Residential Debris Dumpster – 31B	
Description	Stand dumpster in the right of way.
Restrictions	The dumpster must be positioned in front of the permitted address. If it extends in front of another address, written approval from adjacent property owners is needed. The dumpster also cannot be positioned on a no-parking section of the street or an alley.
Deposit Required With Application	Yes
Example(s)	
Online Application Allowed	Yes
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	Location Dimensions Are there any chutes being used?
Permit Type	Simple Street Use

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Roadway Paving - 40	
Description	Pave with asphalt and maintain a portion of right-of-way.
Restrictions	Concrete paving is not permitted under this permit. Please see Street Improvement permit #45 for concrete paving.
Deposit Required With Application	Yes
Example(s)	
Online Application Allowed	Yes
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	
Permit Type	Simple Street Use

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Scaffolding, Etc - 50	
Description	Erect and maintain scaffolding, swing stage or scissor lift in the sidewalk area for maintenance of building.
Restrictions	
Deposit Required With Application	Yes
Example(s)	
Online Application Allowed	Yes
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	Square feet occupied
Permit Type	Simple Street Use

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Shoring Unremoved – 22B	
Description	Occupation of the right of way where the shoring system must be removed to a point four feet below the finished grade.
Restrictions	
Deposit Required With Application	Yes
Example(s)	
Online Application Allowed	No
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	
Permit Type	Simple Street Use

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Sidewalk Cafés - 18	
Description	Placement of restaurant customer seating in the public right of way.
Restrictions	
Deposit Required With Application	Yes
Example(s)	
Online Application Allowed	No
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	
Permit Type	Annual Renewing Street Use

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Sidewalk Repair - 55	
Description	Repair or replace existing concrete sidewalk.
Restrictions	
Deposit Required With Application	Yes
Example(s)	
Online Application Allowed	Yes
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	Will tree roots need to be cut to complete this repair? If so, please contact the City Arborist. The phone number is (206) 684-7649.
Permit Type	Simple Street Use

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Signs, Flags, Etc - 6	
Description	Erect and maintain signs, advertising flags or company graphics on awnings over the right-of-way area.
Restrictions	Signs less than three inches beyond the property line do not require a Street Use permit.
Deposit Required With Application	No
Example(s)	Attaching a sign to a building that extends more than three inches past the property line onto the right-of-way.
Online Application Allowed	Yes
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	The text or graphics on the awning. Material of sign (electric or plastic). Number of sides on the sign (single or double).
Permit Type	Annual Renewing Street Use

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Small Directional Signs - 2	
Description	Directional signs placed in the right of way
Restrictions	
Deposit Required With Application	Yes
Example(s)	
Online Application Allowed	No
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	
Permit Type	Annual Renewing Street Use

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Stadium Vending, April-September – 14D	
Description	Monthly permit for vending at specific locations in the right-of-way near the stadium, during stadium events from April to September.
Restrictions	Mobile vending is not allowed and the set-up of the vending cart must be in the designated area.
Deposit Required With Application	No
Example(s)	NA
Online Application Allowed	Yes
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	Vending space location. Item that you'll be selling.
Permit Type	Simple Street Use

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Stadium Vending, October-March – 14E	
Description	Monthly permit for vending at specific locations in the right-of-way near the stadium, during stadium events from October to March.
Restrictions	Mobile vending is not allowed and the setup of the vending cart must be in the designated area.
Deposit Required With Application	No
Example(s)	NA
Online Application Allowed	Yes
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	Vending space location. Item that you'll be selling.
Permit Type	Simple Street Use

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Stanchions – 27A	
Description	Install stanchion to support marquee, awning or canopy in the right-of-way.
Restrictions	Bracings for awnings are not included.
Deposit Required With Application	Yes
Example(s)	
Online Application Allowed	No
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	
Permit Type	Annual Renewing Street Use

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Street Barricading - 3	
Description	Temporary barricading of public rights of way for private use
Restrictions	
Deposit Required With Application	Yes
Example(s)	Street fairs or special events
Online Application Allowed	No
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	
Permit Type	Annual Renewing Street Use

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Street Barricading, Temporary – 3A	
Description	Temporarily barricade a street for private use.
Restrictions	Street fairs, large events/festivals, parades and first amendment demonstrations are not included. Alcohol is not permitted. The permit is only valid for the designated time frame. Exclusion of the general public to access the barricaded area is not allowed.
Deposit Required With Application	Yes
Example(s)	Block party
Online Application Allowed	Yes
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	Date of event Location of event Contact person information
Permit Type	Simple Street Use

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Street Decorations – 52	
Description	Install and maintain decorations that are of a temporary nature in the public right of way.
Restrictions	This permit does not apply to planters and pole banners. Please apply in person for these. Not valid during the non-holiday season.
Deposit Required With Application	Yes
Example(s)	Displaying holiday lights on trees.
Online Application Allowed	Yes
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	Site plan. Any impacts/closure on street lane or sidewalk
Permit Type	Annual Renewing Street Use

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Street Improvements - 45	
Description	Major permanent improvements in the public right of way.
Restrictions	
Deposit Required With Application	Yes
Example(s)	
Online Application Allowed	No
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	
Permit Type	Major Street Use

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Street Openings, Miscellaneous - 49	
Description	Street opening for miscellaneous purposes.
Restrictions	Monitoring wells is not included. Please apply for a utility permit for wells.
Deposit Required With Application	Yes
Example(s)	
Online Application Allowed	Yes
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	Exact site location Exact location of boring
Permit Type	Simple Street Use

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Structural Walls, Rockeries – 29A	
Description	Construct and maintain structural retaining wall/rockery, fence, stairs, steps or railing. Note: This type of use is highly discouraged but may be considered in some cases.
Restrictions	Structural walls less than four feet tall are not included. Please see Street Improvement permit #29 for walls less than four feet tall.
Deposit Required With Application	Yes
Example(s)	
Online Application Allowed	Yes
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	Where is your property line? What is the height of the structure? What materials are being used? Slope information
Permit Type	Annual Renewing Street Use

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Structures and Overhangs - 7	
Description	Loading platforms, bridges, scales, overhead hoists, beams and cranes, ramps, steps, or any similar installation, and all building and overhangs in the city street areas.
Restrictions	
Deposit Required With Application	Yes
Example(s)	
Online Application Allowed	No
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	
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Structures and Overhangs in Submerged Street Areas 7A	
Description	Structures and overhangs in underwater street, excluding primary access to business or dwelling.
Restrictions	
Deposit Required With Application	Yes
Example(s)	
Online Application Allowed	No
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	
Permit Type	Annual Renewing Street Use

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Structures and Overhangs in Submerged Street Areas for Access to Business or Dwellings - 7B	
Description	Ramps and bridges use for primary access to private property in submerged streets, excluding numbered waterways.
Restrictions	
Deposit Required With Application	Yes
Example(s)	
Online Application Allowed	No
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	
Permit Type	Annual Renewing Street Use

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Surface Planting Strip Including Required Landscaping - 38	
Description	Pave planting strip and landscape the required percentage of trees or landscaping.
Restrictions	
Deposit Required With Application	Yes
Example(s)	
Online Application Allowed	Yes
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	Dimensions of area to be paved Type of pavement 60% greenery rule
Permit Type	Simple Street Use

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Tables and Chairs – 14B	
Description	Place tables and chairs in the right-of-way adjacent to a building.
Restrictions	Food and beverages can't be served at the tables and are open to the public. No freestanding umbrellas or fences are allowed. No alcohol is permitted. Tables and chairs cannot exceed 3' into the right-of-way and there must be a minimum of five feet for pedestrian passage. No more than four tables with two chairs each are allowed.
Deposit Required With Application	Yes
Example(s)	Setting up tables and chairs outside a business.
Online Application Allowed	Yes
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	Location details Details of sidewalk and street amenities
Permit Type	Annual Renewing Street Use

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Temporary Moorage, Etc, in State Waterways – WW250	
Description	Thirty day permit for temporary moorage in state waterway.
Restrictions	
Deposit Required With Application	No
Example(s)	
Online Application Allowed	No
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	
Permit Type	Annual Renewing Street Use

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Temporary Placement of Materials for Bus Staging - 13	
Description	Temporary placement of non-construction materials for staging buses at events.
Restrictions	
Deposit Required With Application	Yes
Example(s)	
Online Application Allowed	No
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	
Permit Type	Simple Street Use

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Tree Planting and Beautification - 1	
Description	Landscape or plant trees, flowers, small shrubs, plants, or ground cover. Place landscape features in the right-of-way.
Restrictions	A permit is not needed for landscaping with grass, lawn turf, certain ground cover, gravel and rock.
Deposit Required With Application	Yes
Example(s)	Planting a tree in the planting strip.
Online Application Allowed	Yes
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	Species of the tree(s). Number of trees, Are there overhead utilities?
Permit Type	Simple Street Use

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Tree Pruning – 1A	
Description	Prune trees in the planting strip area.
Restrictions	Pruning of tree limbs less than 2 inches in diameter does not require a permit. Topping of trees is not permitted.
Deposit Required With Application	It is required in some situations.
Example(s)	
Online Application Allowed	Yes
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	Are the tree limbs equal to or thicker than 2 inches?
Permit Type	Simple Street Use

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Tree Removal, Blocking Street - 43	
Description	Block portion of street or restrict traffic while removing or pruning trees.
Restrictions	
Deposit Required With Application	Yes
Example(s)	Setting a crane in the street to remove a tree.
Online Application Allowed	Yes
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	
Permit Type	Simple Street Use

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Utility Aerials – 51C	
Description	Attach utility to existing utility pole line.
Restrictions	The area covered can not exceed three contiguous blocks. More than three blocks requires one or more additional permits.
Deposit Required With Application	It is required in some situations.
Example(s)	
Online Application Allowed	Yes
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	
Permit Type	Simple Street Use

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Utility Maintenance – 51E	
Description	Utility repair work including vault replacements, pole bases, and underground exploration.
Restrictions	
Deposit Required With Application	No
Example(s)	Repairing existing water service.
Online Application Allowed	Yes
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	
Permit Type	Simple Street Use

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Utility Main Line or Inserts - 51A	
Description	Installation of utility main line or inserts.
Restrictions	
Deposit Required With Application	It is required in some situations.
Example(s)	
Online Application Allowed	No
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	
Permit Type	Major Street Use

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Utility Poles (< 500 permits per year) – 51B	
Description	Construction or repairs to utility pole or utility system.
Restrictions	
Deposit Required With Application	No
Example(s)	
Online Application Allowed	Yes
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	Exact location of utility pole(s)
Permit Type	Simple Street Use

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Utility Poles (> 500 permits per year) – 51H	
Description	Construction or repairs to utility pole or utility system.
Restrictions	Requires pre-approval from Street Use.
Deposit Required With Application	No
Example(s)	
Online Application Allowed	Yes
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	Exact location of utility pole(s)
Permit Type	Simple Street Use

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Utility Service Conduit by Private Party – 51G	
Description	Install utility service conduit, private party.
Restrictions	Multiple locations are not allowed on one permit.
Deposit Required With Application	Yes
Example(s)	Private party installing conduits for electricity, cable or telephone service.
Online Application Allowed	Yes
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	Who is going to do restoration?
Permit Type	Simple Street Use

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Utility Service Connect (< 500 permits per year) – 51D	
Description	Use public ROW to connect utility to private residence.
Restrictions	
Deposit Required With Application	No
Example(s)	Burying a service wire for cable television.
Online Application Allowed	Yes
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	
Permit Type	Simple Street Use

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Utility Service Connect (> 500 permits per year) – 51I	
Description	Use public ROW to connect utility to private residence.
Restrictions	Requires pre-approval from Street Use.
Deposit Required With Application	No
Example(s)	Burying a service wire for cable television.
Online Application Allowed	Yes
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	
Permit Type	Simple Street Use

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Utility Side Sewer Use of Row – 51F	
Description	Repair or install a new storm and sewer system.
Restrictions	
Deposit Required With Application	No
Example(s)	No
Online Application Allowed	No
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	Exact location of work being done
Permit Type	Simple Street Use

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Utility System Construction – 51	
Description	Work by a public or private utility such as system enhancement, maintenance, or repair in the public right of way.
Restrictions	
Deposit Required With Application	
Example(s)	Puget Sound Energy, Seattle City Light, Cable TV
Online Application Allowed	No
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	
Permit Type	Major Street Use

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Vending Carts – 14A	
Note: for stadium vending, please see Use Codes 14D and 14E.	
Description	Vending food, nonalcoholic beverages and/or flowers in carts in the right-of-way.
Restrictions	Mobile vending and sale of any other items are not included. The vending cart must be no wider than three feet and no longer than five feet. Use of generator not allowed in right of way.
Deposit Required With Application	Yes
Example(s)	Using a vending cart to sell espresso.
Online Application Allowed	No
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	Location. Sidewalk dimensions. Distance to any obstructions.
Permit Type	Annual Renewing Street Use

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Ventilating Ducts - 8	
Description	Ventilating ducts (serving exhaust fans) located in the public right of way.
Restrictions	
Deposit Required With Application	Yes
Example(s)	
Online Application Allowed	No
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	
Permit Type	Annual Renewing Street Use

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Water Service Lines < 2 Inches Diameter - 28	
Description	Install and maintain water service (less than 2 inches in diameter) in the shoulder of the road.
Restrictions	Water service hardware greater than or equal to 2 inches in diameter is not included.
Deposit Required With Application	Yes
Example(s)	
Online Application Allowed	Yes
Information Needed in Permit Description Field	What kind of restoration is it? Is the street asphalt or concrete? Who will perform restoration?
Permit Type	Simple Street Use