



**Request for City Council Committee Action  
From the Department of Public Works**

**Date:** November 27, 2006  
**To:** Honorable Paul Ostrow, Chair Ways & Means Budget Committee  
**Referral to:** none

**Subject: Adopt proposed ordinance changes relating to increasing the fee for  
Courtesy Benches**

**Recommendation:**

- Adopt the proposed changes to Appendix J-License Fees Schedule of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Courtesy Benches by further increasing the all three fees by an additional \$20.00 per license
- Direct Finance to increase the appropriations for the General Fund (0100-127-1270-9075) by \$14,000 to be transferred to Municipal Parking Fund (7500-127-1270-3810) by \$14,000 as part of the forthcoming 2007 budget actions

**Previous Directives:**

November 21, 2006 T&PW and PS&RS actions:

*T&PW Action Taken: a) Staff directed to report to W&M/Budget Committee on November 27 with a recommendation for a graduated fee increase; and b) Staff directed to report back to T&PW on December 12 further defining what other street furniture would be included in the RFP (other than bus shelters and courtesy benches); and with a proposed design process that includes time for community reaction, specifically consulting with Walking Minneapolis.*

*PS&RS Action Taken: Concurred with T&PW Staff Directions, with the addition of a report back to PS&RS on December 13th regarding the RFP.*

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**Approved by:**

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Steven A. Kotke, P.E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works

**Presenters:** Jon Wertjes

Permanent Review Committee (PRC) Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Not applicable

Policy review Group (PRG) Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Not applicable

**Financial Impact** (Check those that apply)

No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget

Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget

Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget

Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase

Action requires use of contingency or reserves

Business Plan:  Action is within the plan.  Action requires a change to plan.

Other financial impact (Explain): **Revenue appropriation increase occurs with overall  
2007 City Budget action.**

X Request provided to department's Finance Dept. contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator

### Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Not Applicable

City Goals: Maintain the physical infrastructure to ensure a healthy, vital and safe city

Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable

Zoning Code: Not Applicable

### Background/Supporting Information

Public Works has further examined and had discussions with US Bench regarding a graduating fee increase to account for the garbage collection related to the courtesy benches. US Bench gave testimony and provided written comments at the November 21 T&PW Public Hearing indicating they could pay between \$45-55 range for year one (2007) and \$55-65 range for year two (2008) relating the renewal license.

Based on the above information, Public Works recommends spreading out the \$48 fee increase over a three year period: \$20 in year one (2007), \$15 in year two (2008), and \$13 plus inflation in year three (2009). The third year is labeled as "\$13 plus inflation" and is meant to include any inflationary cost increases reflective of the garbage collection between 2007 and 2009.

Therefore, Public Works recommends the following proposed 2007 courtesy bench fees as noted in the table below.

Regarding the 2008 and 2009 fees, Public Works will work with Regulatory Services to increase future fees according to the annual changes that are done in August of each year. (August 2007 set the fees for 2008, and August 2008 set the fees for 2009).

### APPENDIX J LICENSE FEES SCHEDULE\*

\*Editor's note: 2002-Or-074, § 1, adopted August 9, 2002, added provisions designated as a new Appendix J to read as herein set out. See the Code Comparative Table.

### TABLE INSET:

License	Ordinance	2005 Fee	2006 Fee	Current 2007 Fee	Proposed 2007 Fee
<b>COURTESY BENCH</b>					
New	283.40	\$44.00	\$46.00	\$47.00	<b>\$67.00</b>
Renew	283.40	\$24.00	\$24.00	\$25.00	<b>\$45.00</b>
Transfer	283.240	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$23.00	<b>\$43.00</b>

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US Bench – current courtesy bench license holder