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Newsrack
Guidelines

Overview

- > Ordinance regulates newsracks on rights-of-way within the city**
 - Creates standards of appearance, construction and maintenance of newsracks**
 - Regulates number, type and placement of newsracks**
 - Implements a permitting process with fees and an insurance requirement**
 - Establishes a process for notice and impoundments of non-compliant newsracks**

Requirements

- > **Newsrack requirements in public rights-of-way**
 - **Effective date – Jan. 1, 2010**
 - **Permit required with application and applicable fees**
 - **Must be renewed every two years**
 - **Proof of insurance required**
 - **Placement must:**
 - **Comply with list of prohibited proximity requirements**
 - **Not interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic**
 - **Not impede the opening or closing of doors, or access to the loading or unloading of passengers from vehicles**
 - **Newsrack must be:**
 - **Constructed of solid metal material enclosed on all sides (no plastic, wire or open boxes)**
 - **Must be kept in neat, clean condition and in good repair**
 - **Include information identifying the owner/operator**
 - **Impoundment by the city is allowed if found abandoned or not in compliance after 10-day notice of violation**

Appeals and Fees

> Permit fees

- Permit application fee is \$200; additional \$5 per newsrack decal
- Permit is valid for two years

> Appeal process

- Written appeals to the tagging or impoundment of newsracks in violation must be submitted within 10 business days of the notice
- Hearings also may be requested by certified mail