

Charlotte Department of Transportation



Policy: **Utility Cut Pavement Degradation Fee**

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Purpose

A utility cut pavement degradation fee is a fee charged to all utility companies / developers / contractors open cutting Charlotte streets for utility installation and repair. The fee will recover costs for damaged pavement repair and loss of pavement useful life expectancy by the City. The fee will be imposed and collected by the Charlotte Department of Transportation (CDOT) through the utility cut permit program. Money collected from the fee will be used to supplement the City's street maintenance and resurfacing programs.

Policy Information

On May 29, 2007, the Charlotte City Council voted to implement a Utility Cut Pavement Degradation Fee that will become effective November 1, 2007. The fee is to be paid by all public and private utility companies / agencies / developers / contractors that excavate in the City of Charlotte maintained streets for the purposes of installing and /or repairing utilities. The purpose of the fee is to supplement the cost associated with pavement damage repair and loss of pavement useful life experienced from open cutting street pavements.

The fee applies when an open cut excavation is performed in City street pavements. The fee will not apply for excavations on state or private streets. Also, the fee will not apply to excavations outside the pavement area, e.g., curb, sidewalk, shoulder or borings. The owner of the utility for which the excavation is made will be the party invoiced and expected to pay the fee. If the utility installation is part of a donated utility project the degradation fee must be paid at the time of utility cut permit process.

Fee administration will be the responsibility of the Charlotte Department of Transportation Street Maintenance Division. In an effort for CDOT to monitor all utility rights-of-way excavations, utility companies / agencies or their contractors must obtain a Street Cut Permit from CDOT by calling 704-336-4025. The permit must be obtained by a CDOT Utility certified person. A copy of the CDOT Utility Street Cut Specifications explaining these certification requirements can be found on the City's website under CDOT / Street Maintenance/ Utility Cut Specifications and Fee Schedule.

The Street Cut Permit process must be followed by the excavating party regardless of whether or not Street Maintenance will complete the asphalt repair. Once the permit is obtained and the work completed, Street Maintenance will identify the cut type and size to determine the appropriate utility pavement degradation fee associated with the cut. The fee will then be recorded and the utility company or agency invoiced. Degradation fee invoices along with any applicable utility cut asphalt repair invoices will be sent monthly to the utility company or agency owning the utility. All fees are due 30 days from the date of the invoice. Any utility company or agency with an outstanding balance 30 days old or over cannot obtain a street cut

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permit until all outstanding balances are paid in full. Any disputed costs must be brought to the attention of the Street Maintenance Utility Coordinators.

All degradation fee funds collected will be deposited into a City account and used to supplement the cost of City Street Maintenance and Resurfacing Programs.

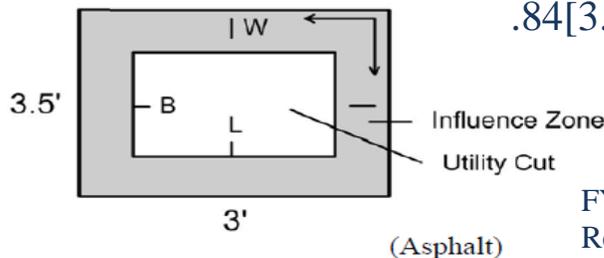
Degradation fees will be determined based on the assigned cut type and size. The following are examples and formulas of the three different utility cut types and fee calculations:

Type 1

$$\text{Area for Cost Estimate} = (B + 2W)(L + 2W)$$



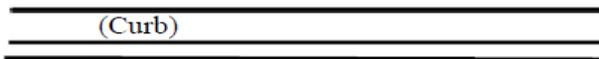
(Asphalt)



Fee calculation for this cut type

$$.84[3.5 + (2 \times 5) (3 + (2 \times 5))] 1.66 = \$244.72$$

FY12 Milling and Resurfacing Cost - \$0.84
Restoration and Thickness - 1.66"

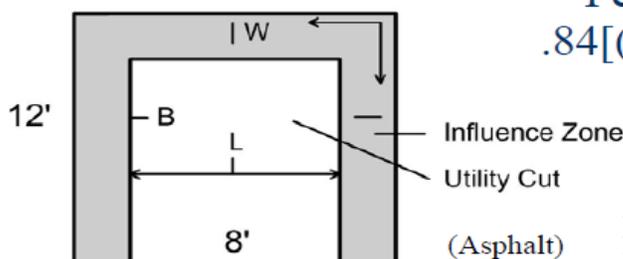


Type 2

$$\text{Area for Cost Estimate} = (B + W)(L + 2W)$$



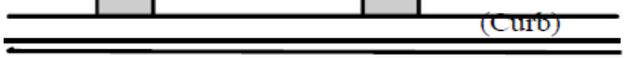
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Fee calculation for this cut type

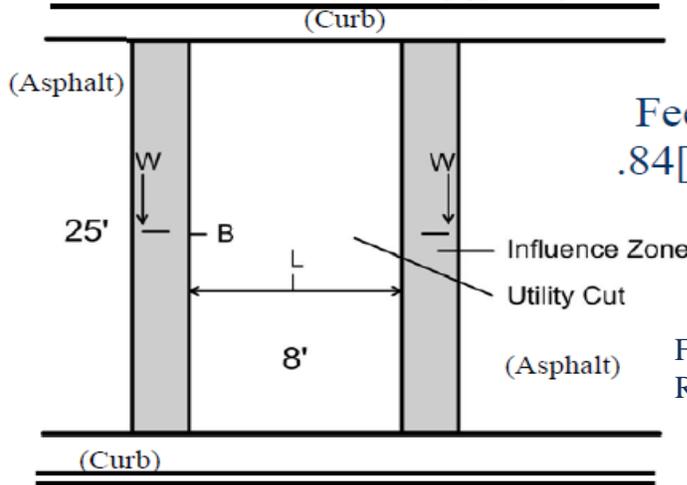
$$.84[(12 + 5) (8 + (2 \times 5))] 1.66 = \$426.69$$

FY12 Milling and Resurfacing Cost - \$0.84
Restoration and Thickness - 1.66"



Type 3

Area for Cost Estimate = $(B)(L + 2W)$



Fee calculation for this cut type
 $.84[(25)(8 + (2 \times 5))] 1.66 = \627.48

FY12 Milling and Resurfacing Cost - \$0.84
Restoration Thickness - 1.66"