

Proposed Fees and Charges

Roading

Frequently asked questions

What fees are we introducing and why?

Urgent or Late Corridor Access or Traffic Management Plan requests

An additional fee of \$500 has been included to address the increasing number of urgent/late Corridor Access and Traffic Management Plan requests received. This fee covers the additional cost for having to do this work under short time pressure and encourages requests to be submitted on time to avoid the extra cost.

Administration Fee for Corridor Access or Traffic Management Plan requests

A new \$75 administration fee is proposed for requests to update or extend existing Traffic Management Plans.

This covers the staff time needed to review, update, and process changes when these requests are made by applicants.

Road Damage Bond

A minimum \$1,000 road damage bond is proposed to cover potential damage to Council road assets during development works. The bond may be required as a condition of a resource consent or building consent and will be held by Council (or appropriately guaranteed). The amount may vary depending on the scale and risk of the work.

Road Naming and Renaming Request

Road naming and renaming requests will be charged at actual cost, in line with Council's Road Naming, Renaming and Property Addressing Policy.

If residents already pay rates, why is there still a fee?

These fees apply to specific users and activities, not necessarily ratepayers.

Charging fees ensures the cost of providing these services is paid by those who use them, rather than by the wider community through rates.

What do other Councils charge?

Whakatāne District Council sits at the lower to middle end of fees compared with other councils.

By comparison:

- Other councils charge between \$440 and \$1,400 for urgent or late Corridor Access requests.
- Administration fees typically range from \$50 to \$140.
- Road damage bonds range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 for residential developments and can exceed \$20,000 for large-scale commercial developments.

Most councils also charge actual costs for road naming and renaming requests.