

Comparison of Trench Cut / Pavement Obligation Costs

The following pages are notes that were taken from a survey of other cities regarding fees or extra costs associated with trench cuts. Unlike what the City of Ventura is proposing, these are all separate fees that are not part of a Right-of-Way Fee. For an apples-to-apples comparison with the City of Ventura's proposed charges, which are based on the length of trenches, the amounts provided by other cities were converted accordingly assuming 3-foot wide trenches.

City of Sana Ana: \$34.17 - \$75.27 / Linear Foot of Trench

City of Ventura (proposed): \$10 (Water) - \$15 (Sewer) / Linear Foot of Trench

Austin Texas: \$3.33 / Linear Foot of Trench (from Rajagopal, U of CI, p. 205)

City/County San Francisco: \$3 - \$10.50 / Linear Foot of Trench

City of Port Hueneme: \$2 / Linear Foot of Trench

As mentioned in the 2004 University of Cincinnati Article by Arudi Rajogopal (attached), and reflected in the amounts listed above for Austin, San Francisco and Port Hueneme, the City of Ventura agrees that most cities are likely "undercharging" utilities for damage to street pavement caused by their trench cuts.