

Amendment to Council's Adopted Fees and Charges 2022 to 2023

At the 23 February meeting, Council resolved to place proposed changes to its adopted Fees and Charges for 2022 to 2023 on public exhibition.

The fee changes for the Use of Council land/road reserve to enable construction work, events or temporary use, are outlined in the table below. Information about how to provide feedback is also provided.

Submissions close Thursday 30 March 2023.

Proposed new fees

Fee name and description	Fee amount
Frontage parking – non pay parking location.	\$60/6LM/day
Frontage parking – pay parking location.	\$105/6LM/day
Extended frontage parking (additional space extending past development frontage)- non-pay parking location.	\$120/6LM/day
Extended frontage parking (additional space extending past development frontage)- non-pay parking location.	\$210/6LM/day

Current adopted fees

The proposed fees outlined above, if adopted, will replace the following adopted fees for 2022 to 2023.

Fee name and description	Fee amount
Low Impact Occupation of Council Land Where pedestrian, cyclist and vehicular traffic are not disrupted, includes public reserves.	\$1.00 per m ² / day
Footpath / verge closure 1. Where the footpath / verge area is closed to pedestrians and/or cyclists. 2. Where an elevated gantry is installed, fees will be charged for the set up and takedown down then charged at a low impact Occupation rate for the period of occupation.	\$3.00 per m ² / day
Road Closure (full and partial) Where the traffic lanes are closed to traffic.	\$13.00 per m ² / day

Make a submission

- [Using the online feedback form.](#)
- In writing and addressed to, The General Manager, Byron Shire Council, PO Box 219, Mullumbimby NSW 2482.

If no public submissions are received, the new proposed fees will be effective from 1 April 2023.

This public exhibition is in accordance with Section 610F of the Local Government Act 1993.

Submissions Received

Name	Submission	Supportive (Yes/No)
Dominic Biancardi	<p>Please accept this as my show of support for Byron Shire Council's proposed updated fees (Report # 13.13). We are grateful to Council staff for listening to our feedback regarding the "Fees and charges – use of car parking for construction purposes".</p> <p>Whilst we would have preferred a greater reduction in fees (as the costs to show up to develop in Byron Bay are crippling – with staffing shortages, construction / materials cost increases and lack of housing for all contractors) we acknowledge that this is a reduction and we greatly appreciate the gesture.</p>	Yes
Silvina Medel	<p>Please accept this as my submission in support of Council's proposed new fees for "Fees and charges – use of car parking spaces for construction purposes".</p> <p>The fees needed to be reduced and we thank Council for your attention in this matter. They were significantly in excess of other Councils. The proposed fees are now more reasonable.</p> <p>I understand that the new fees are being contested by a Councillor. It is quite difficult to understand the reasoning behind this. If this Councillor were to study the fees charged by other Councils they would see that the new fees are more reasonable. Access to a site for the purposes of construction is vital. It is not a luxury. It is not a developer seeking "more".</p>	Yes
John Baker	<p>The fees put forward are more in line with other Councils fees for parking for the purposes of construction. They are still a fair bit more expensive but this is a far better result than previously. So this has my support, thank you.</p>	Yes
Derrick Chu	<p>The break up of the fees as proposed are an improvement on the previous fees which were still pretty rough. So yes this is a good thing and has our support. It has been a really rough few years for anybody trying to get a development off the ground.</p>	Yes
Michael Grassi	<p>I am writing to lodge my support for the proposed revised fees for parking for construction.</p> <p>The updated proposed fees bring the fees for parking for construction more in line with those of other Councils.</p> <p>The costs of development have absolutely skyrocketed in the past few years.</p> <p>And so it is important that the fees from Council be realistic.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	Yes
Sebastian McEwan	<p>Byron Shire Council's suggested fees which relate to "Use of Council land/road reserve to enable construction work, events or temporary use" have my support. These uses are about accessing a construction site. Specifically, use of parking spaces so that vehicles can work on the site, deliver materials to the site and take materials from the site. The use of car parks is not for the parking of tradies utes. Thank you for your consideration.</p>	Yes
Beatriz Lombardi	<p>Dear Council</p> <p>I can see that the new fees for parking for the purposes of construction are now more fair. So I ask that Council please adopt these fees. Thanks.</p>	Yes
Cristian Medel	<p>It's great to see that Council staff and Councillors are listening to community input. There are so many costs and fees involved in getting a development approved and then built.</p>	Yes

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	Developers are happy to pay reasonable fees. These fees proposed are now satisfactory.	
Duncan Dey	I do not support such a reduction in fees for this service, which sacrifices income from Paid Parking to Council in some cases and sacrifices income to businesses in all cases (because customers are less able to find parking near the business premises). Were the construction industry to be in crisis over this small matter, they could redesign the building they are constructing to create the equivalent parking on the property. That unconstructed area could then become sorely needed impervious area, or long-term onsite parking. I support the previous fees or, if updating helps clarify the arrangements, a fee under the new format but equivalent to the old amounts.	No
Anthony Dunn	Dear Byron Council General Manager, I would strongly like to support the changes to fee charges for the use of Council land/road reserve to enable construction work, this has been a challenging stage for local contractors and the like to perform their duties in a sustainable manner.	Yes
Julia Sims	This is my supportive submission for 13.13 "Fees and Charges - Use of car parking spaces for construction purposes". Thank you.	Yes
Michael Sims	I support the Byron Shire Council in its revised fees (13.13) for parking for construction. The revised fees are straight forward. They acknowledge paid and non paid parking. They penalise the use of land beyond and development's boundary. This is all reasonable. The fees as they were were in need of amendment. Thank you.	Yes
Hannah Hopkinson	<p>I support the updated fees for parking for construction.</p> <p>Comments were made at a recent Council meeting by a Councillor who stated that he will not be supporting these fees. The Councillor said that he would prefer that the building envelope be reduced so that cars could park onsite. I would like to respond to these comments.</p> <p>Firstly, this is not about parking onsite it is for access to the site which must come from the road. So shrinking the building footprint would not help.</p> <p>Secondly, shrinking the building footprint goes against everything that the Byron Shire is currently striving for. We need housing. We need regulated short term accommodation in the Byron Town Centre to alleviate the pressure on homes in residential areas.</p> <p>Thirdly, it has already been made clear that the Byron Shire height limits (and resulting density) are lower than in other towns on the far north coast. There has been, in fact, a very strong call to increase the height and density in the Byron Town Centre.</p> <p>And lastly, it is just not sensible design to have an open perimeter around a development as it is generally wasted space. If you want open space it is more sensible to open up the centre of a site.</p>	Yes

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Tracie Ellis	Council's draft updated fees circulated for the use of car parks for the purpose of construction are a lot more appropriate than the previous fees. It is not a property developer's or builders desire or intention to take parking spaces from the public. For so many reasons they need to get in, get the job done and get out as quickly as possible. Any car parks taken for development sites are about gaining vehicular access. This is a major safety issue.	Yes
Sarah Salmon	I would like to acknowledge Byron Shire Council for listening to community feedback. The fees for construction for hoarding were outrageous. It is now appropriate to also amend the fees for parking for construction purposes as this was not dealt with earlier. Your proposed fees are reasonable. Whilst they are still in excess of other Councils they are a considerable improvement.	Yes
Jason Dunn	Dear Council Staff & Councillors, The fees and charges that were previously charged to use Carparks during construction were excessive, the fees under this proposal are still higher than most other councils but I believe is a fair outcome for both council requiring fees and developers trying to construct projects. The proposed fees and charges should be supported, they should not be increased beyond these levels. Regards, Jason	Yes