

Transportation and Public Works Staff Survey of Other Cities Regarding Newsracks

City	Newsrack License?	Restrictions/Prohibitions/Requirements	Other Regulations
Atlanta	Yes	Requires an application for each newsrack. Restrictions on placement, height, location, abandonment, installation and maintenance. Required to have contact information on each newsrack.	Color restricted in the “Olympic corridors and downtown improvement district”. Considered abandoned after 45 days.
Austin, TX	No	Restrictions on placement, height, location, abandonment, installation and maintenance. Required to have contact information on each newsrack.	Allows for impoundment and disposal of illegal newsracks.
Baltimore	Yes	“Minor privilege permit” for use of ROW. \$35 per box per year. Restrictions on placement, height, location, abandonment, installation and maintenance. (Joe Custo – DPW – 410-396-4650)	Allows for removal and disposal if deemed abandoned or illegal.
Boston	Yes	Requires an application and \$150 fee for a one-time certificate of compliance for each newsrack. Restrictions on placement, height, location, abandonment, installation and maintenance.	Allows for removal and charges a fee (\$25) for removal and for storage (\$5/day – max \$100).
Chicago	No	Restrictions on placement, height, location, abandonment, installation and maintenance.	Racks found to be illegal will have notice placed on them with ten days to fix. After ten days, will be removed and destroyed at the owner’s expense. \$25 fine per day not to exceed \$200.
Dallas	Yes	Requires an application and \$100 admin fee, plus \$65 annual fee per newsrack (\$179 for multiple unit). City allocates the spaces for each newsrack. Restrictions on placement, height, location, abandonment, installation and maintenance.	Licensure includes a sticker for each newsrack that is non-transferrable and required to be posted. Illegal newsracks posted with letter of intent to remove. Illegal racks removed by the city are held for 10 days and then destroyed.
Denver	Yes	Application and license required. License covers any number of newsracks in the city. Restrictions on placement, height, location, abandonment, installation and maintenance.	Abandonment notification followed by a 30 day correction period after which the newsrack will be removed, held for ten days and disposed. If picked up during ten day period, \$120 storage fee charged. If destroyed, \$26 disposal fee charged.
Detroit	No	No specific registration or licensure. Newsracks must adhere to eight rules	

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		governing size, placement and maintenance.	
Houston	Yes	Application required for each publication. \$300 application fee plus \$5 annual fee per sticker (one per box). Restrictions on placement, height, location, abandonment, installation and maintenance.	Deemed abandoned after 31 days empty. Illegal newsracks given 10 days to comply, then removed.
Los Angeles	Yes	Application for permit required. Fees not specified in ordinance. Restrictions on placement, height, location, abandonment, installation and maintenance. Bar code issued for each newsrack. Responsible party must have name and contact information on each newsrack. Color of newsrack must be coordinated with the City's street furniture program.	Illegal or abandoned newsracks may be impounded. After 30 days, they can be destroyed or sold by the City.
Miami	Yes	Application for permit required. \$10 annual fee per newsrack. Must be covered by a bond. Restrictions on placement, height, location, abandonment, installation and maintenance. Color specified by City.	Illegal/abandoned newsracks removed immediately. \$75 storage/removal fee. 90 days to claim before disposal.
Minneapolis			
New York 212-new-york	No	Restrictions on placement, height, location, abandonment, installation and maintenance. City to be notified three times a year of cleaning and painting of each box. City to be notified of address and content of each box.	Seven days for repair or abatement of box after notification by the City.
Philadelphia	Yes	Requires application and permit for each box. \$10 fee per box. Restrictions on placement, height, location, abandonment, installation and maintenance.	Newsracks can be removed after 10 days of being damaged or vandalized or after 14 days of no use. After removal, owner is given 7 days notice before box is disposed of. If the box is retrieved, owner pays a \$25 removal fee plus \$5/day in storage fees.
Phoenix	No	No restrictions within the City.	Regulated at the airport.
Riverside	No	Encroachment permit and list of locations required but no fee is charged. Restrictions on placement, height, location, abandonment, installation and maintenance.	Abandonment after 30 days. 10 day notice prior to impounding, disposal after 30 days.

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San Diego	Yes	Requires permit and annual fee for each box. Restrictions on placement, height, location, abandonment, installation and maintenance.	Abandonment after 30 days of no use. Disposal after 60 days of no use.
San Francisco	Yes	Requires master certificate covering all boxes for each entity. Contact information must be on each box. Restrictions on placement, height, location, abandonment, installation and maintenance.	Violation fees of \$50 on first offense, \$75 on second and \$100 thereafter. 10 days to remedy illegal rack, 10 days to claim after that prior to disposal.
Seattle		No restrictions found within the City.	
St. Louis		No restrictions found within the City.	
Tampa	Yes	Free permit required for each box.	30 days for removal if ordered. City will dispose of if box owner does not.
Toronto, Ontario		Requires permit and annual fee for each box. Restrictions on placement, height, location, abandonment, installation and maintenance.	Abandonment after 21 days on non-use.
Washington, DC	No	No restrictions found within the City.	