

## Important information from Lambeth Highways and Licensing

### Highways Licensing in Lambeth is changing from 1 July 2008 - will you be ready?

Under the Traffic Management Act 2004 (TMA), local authorities are required to manage their road network to minimise disruption to all highway users. One way of reducing disruption is by planning works more effectively.

To assist with planning, the TMA allows for permit schemes to be used. This means public utility companies and the council will have to book time to work on the highway.

Previously problems with street works led the council to take legal action against utility companies. Now the TMA allows for Fixed Penalty Notices to be issued for certain offences, which is a more efficient means of enforcement. The TMA will also prevent newly resurfaced roads and pavements from being dug up for between one and five years – except for emergency works.

### Changes to street works licensing

In order to help us plan street works more effectively, some notice periods will change from July 2008. This will help us manage planned and emergency work on our footways and carriageways to minimise inconvenience. Because of this, being granted a licence cannot be guaranteed. Reasons for rejecting an application may include:

- there is currently another notice for work at the same location
- the road is part of a diversion route for other works
- there is a restriction in place protecting the street from further works following reconstruction, resurfacing or major road works
- there is insufficient public liability insurance

### New street works notice periods

Type of work	Duration	Notice period	<i>previously</i>
<b>Minor works</b>	1-3 days	3 days notice	<i>14 days</i>
<b>Standard works</b>	4-10 days	14 days notice	<i>No change</i>
<b>Major works</b>	11 days or more	3 months notice	<i>14 days</i>

### Excavation Licences: notice periods, cost of licence and inspections

The application for an excavation licence is the only one out of all the highways licences that will come in line with the new street works notice periods for **Major Works** (see above) from July 2008. In addition, the cost of an excavation licence is increasing slightly. All excavations now require three inspections. One before work begins, the second during work and the final inspection once the work has been completed. This is to ensure the site has been put back in good order. The cost of each inspection is therefore.

Excavation Licence	New price	<i>Previously</i>
<b>Minor / Standard / Major</b>	£199 (includes inspection fee)	<i>£123</i>

## Changes to highways licensing

To apply for a skip or other highways licence, be aware that the notice periods are being changed to bring them broadly in line with other street works licences.

This will be as follows:

Type of Licence (Maximum 3 months)	Notice Period	Previously
<b>Highways Licence</b> Hoarding . scaffold . fence . crane cherry picker . mobile tower . hoist . container . portable cabin . crossover (temporary) gantry or vault bridge . storage of building materials	14 Days (regardless of duration)	14 Days
	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Previously</b>
	£175 (includes inspection fee)	£123

These types of highway licences will be issued in 3 month blocks. Therefore, if work is expected to last for a longer period than this (5 months for example), a second 3 month Licence will be required.

Skip Licence (maximum 1 month)	Notice Period	Previously
Non traffic sensitive roads with conditions:	5 Days	1 Day
	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Previously</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Line Markings £29</li> <li>• Yellow Lines £40</li> <li>• Parking Bays £40</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>£28</li> <li>£39</li> <li>£39</li> </ul>
Traffic sensitive roads – regardless of condition	7 Days	5 Days
	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Previously</b>
	£40	£39

(Inspection fees included)

### Restrictions on further excavations

Under the new street works act, restrictions will be placed on carriageways following reconstruction, resurfacing or major works. The restriction will limit further excavation to emergency work only for a specified period of time. This will vary depending on the category of road and the type of work undertaken.

Type of work	Category of carriageway	
	Traffic-sensitive or reinstatement category 0,1 & 2	Reinstatement category 3 &4
Reconstruction	5 years	5 years
Resurfaced	3 years	3 years
Other Substantial works	1 year	6 months

For further information contact Lambeth Highways Licensing – Business Support team on 020 7926 6104.