



City of El Paso Agenda Summary Form

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Department / Council Office	International Bridges
Agenda Date	August 4, 2026
Public Hearing Date	August 18, 2026
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District(s) Affected	District 7 District 8
Agenda Item	AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 12 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC), CHAPTER 12.78 (INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES), OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE, TO AMEND SECTION 12.78.010 (TOLLS FOR INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES); AND AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 12 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC), CHAPTER 12.78 (INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES), OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE, TO AMEND SECTION 12.78.020 (TOLL COLLECTION FOR PICKUP TRUCKS OR ANY OTHER VEHICLE). THE PENALTY AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 12.84.010 OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE.
Issue Statement	City Council is asked to adopt ordinance amendments that establish clear definitions for the collection of tolls, eliminating excessive vehicle types, specifically different pickup truck types, and confusion for the public, by simplifying language and referring toll rates to the schedule C as adopted by City Council through the budget process.
Background	Current City Code causes confusion for the public who operate and cross in pickup trucks through the POV (Privately Owned Vehicle) lanes due to different truck type definitions and smaller vehicles crossing in the commercial lanes. The proposed ordinance change simplifies the vehicle types by referring to the Schedule C for the FY 27 City Budget, where the definitions are further simplified by charging both commercial vehicles and POVs by axle, and either by commercial vehicle or POV rate respectively, thus simplifying the previous convention of having multiple vehicle types. The changes simplify the process and make it easier for bridge users to know what rate they will pay for their vehicle crossed.

Council Options	1. Adopt the first reading of the ordinance. 2. Decline and direct staff to revise and return with revisions.
Committee Review and/or Recommendation	N/A
Community and Stakeholder Outreach (if applicable, as an attachment) – please include	Changes will be presented to the Bridges Steering Committee at the August meeting, which will inform industry partners. Also, social media and traditional media, will further be utilized to promote the upcoming changes. Changes will also be communicated via City and PDNuno websites.
Related City Policies	Schedule C Toll Fees for Fiscal Year 2027 City Budget
Prior Council Action	Adopted Schedule C Toll Fees in Fiscal Year 2026 Budget
The City Attorney's Office has reviewed the documents and signed off on the necessary forms	Yes
Amount and Source of Funding	No direct fiscal impact. Administrative costs will be absorbed within the existing departmental budget.
Enter the elected official's name followed by the amount donated.	N/A
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WHEREAS, the City of El Paso International Bridges Department seeks to update and clarify toll structures in order to ensure efficient, safe, and financially sustainable operation of the City's international bridge facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of El Paso finds it necessary and appropriate to amend Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.78 (International Bridges), Section 12.78.010 (Tolls for International Bridges) and Section 12.78.020 (Toll collection for pickup trucks or any other vehicle) of the El Paso City Code to reflect these updates; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of El Paso desires to adopt amendment to improve clarity, transparency, and functionality of toll provisions for the City's international bridges, as authorized by law; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso wishes to amend Title 12, Chapter 12.78, Section 12.78.010 Tolls for international bridges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

SECTION 1. That Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.78 (International Bridges), Section 12.78.010 (Tolls for International Bridges) of the El Paso City Code is hereby amended to read:

12.78.010 – Tolls for international bridges.

The tolls listed in the Schedule C budget resolution shall apply to southbound traffic on Paso del Norte (Santa Fe) International Bridge, Stanton (Good Neighbor) International Bridge and Ysleta (Zaragoza) International Bridge, in the amounts identified in the adopted budget resolution for the current fiscal year or by other appropriately adopted resolution by the city council. The updated Schedule C may be found on the International Bridges website.

- A. A person or the driver of any vehicle rejected by Mexico shall not be entitled to a refund of the toll that was paid.

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- B. Currency exchange rate adjustment. Notwithstanding anything in this section to the contrary, the rate of exchange of all bridge tolls shall be adjusted monthly to the next highest, whole denomination of currency of the country of Mexico, the peso, so as to equal, at the minimum: for subsection A. of this section, the amount set per person; subsection B. of this section, the amount set per bicycle; subsection C. of this section, the amount set per motorcycle; subsection D. of this section, the amount set per vehicle; and subsection E. of this section, the amount set per axle.
- C. Currency exchange. On a regular basis, but not less than weekly, the total foreign currency held by the City of El Paso in its international bridges department shall be exchanged for United States currency with one of the exchange businesses in El Paso at the best available rate.

SECTION 2. That Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.78 (International Bridges), Section 12.78.020 (Toll collection for pickup trucks or any other vehicle) of the El Paso City Code is hereby amended to read:

12.78.020 – Tolls for any vehicles using the Ysleta (Zaragoza) Commercial Lanes.

- A. The driver of any vehicle using the Ysleta (Zaragoza) Commercial Lanes shall pay the commercial toll.

SECTION 3. Except as herein amended, Title 12 of the El Paso City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

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ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

CITY OF EL PASO

Renard U. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Mona M. Heydarian
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



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~~A. Pedestrians, three years and older;~~

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- ~~B. Bicycles;~~
- ~~C. Motorcycles;~~
- ~~D. Automobiles, pickup trucks (up to one-ton carrying capacity), panel trucks, vans, recreational trailers, in the amount set per vehicle;~~
- ~~E. Commercial trucks, buses (a motor vehicle used to transport persons and designed to accommodate more than ten passengers, including the operator), motor homes, tractors, commercial towed trailers, in the amount set per axle.~~

A. A person or the driver of any vehicle rejected by Mexico shall not be entitled to a refund of the toll that was paid.

F.B. Currency exchange rate adjustment. Notwithstanding anything in this section to the contrary, the rate of exchange of all bridge tolls shall be adjusted monthly to the next highest, whole denomination of currency of the country of Mexico, the peso, so as to equal, at the minimum: for subsection A. of this section, the amount set per person; subsection B. of this section, the amount set per bicycle; subsection C. of this section, the amount set per motorcycle; subsection D. of this section, the amount set per vehicle; and subsection E. of this section, the amount set per axle.

G.C. Currency exchange. On a regular basis, but not less than weekly, the total foreign currency held by the City of El Paso in its international bridges department shall be exchanged for United States currency with one of the exchange businesses in El Paso at the best available rate ~~based on bids received.~~

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12.78.020 – Toll~~s~~ collection for pickup trucks or any other vehicle for any vehicles using the Ysleta (Zaragoza) Commercial Lanes.

~~A. The driver of a pickup truck with a maximum carrying capacity of one-ton shall pay the pickup truck toll.~~

~~B. The driver of a pickup truck with a maximum carrying capacity exceeding one-ton shall pay the commercial truck toll.~~

C.A. ~~The driver of any pickup truck, or any other vehicle using the Zaragoza Commercial Bridge shall pay the commercial truck toll. The driver of any pickup truck, or any other vehicle rejected by Mexico shall not be entitled to a refund of the toll that was paid.~~ The driver of any vehicle using the Ysleta (Zaragoza) Commercial Lanes shall pay the commercial toll.

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