

## Town of Queen Creek Temporary Traffic Control Full Roadway Closure Policy

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines and procedures for the temporary full closure of municipal roads within the Town of Queen Creek for events, construction, maintenance, and other purposes in order to ensure the safety and welfare of the public.

- A. The Town Traffic Engineer has the authority to approve full closure requests up to 7 days in duration. Road closures exceeding 7 days shall be approved by the Town Manager, or his designated representative.
- B. Full closures will only be approved under limited conditions, such as when there is a safety hazard that cannot be mitigated with other traffic control measures or when road work is necessary, such as repairing potholes, repaving, or installing new utilities. In all cases, a permit may be denied if a feasible alternative to a full closure exists. The benefits will be weighed against potential negative impacts, such as increased traffic congestion or reduced access to local businesses. The viability of potential alternatives is not solely determined by any possible increased costs associated with them.
- C. Requests for a full road closure must be submitted at least 21 working days prior to the proposed start date to allow for comments and conditions from other Town divisions. Exceptions will be considered in the event of an emergency.
- D. If a full road closure is necessary, additional measures may be stipulated to minimize the impact on traffic flow, such as adjusting work hours, paving temporary business access, or using temporary traffic signals to manage traffic.
- E. Detour plans shall be submitted with the application. Any wayfinding shall be clearly marked and communicated to motorists well in advance of the closure. The applicant will be responsible to fabricate and install any custom signs required for approval of the permit.
- F. Variable message signs should be used to provide real-time information about the closure and any traffic delays. Message boards to notify the public of any planned closure shall be placed 2 weeks in advance.
- G. A bond in a form acceptable to the Town may be required at the discretion of the Town Traffic Engineer to cover the cost of repairs associated with the road closure.

H. Failure to remove the traffic closure at the expiration of the approved permit may result in fines, revocation of approval for future road closures, and other penalties.

For information regarding Traffic Engineering Standards, policies, and the road closure application, please visit the Traffic Engineering section of the Town's website at QueenCreekAZ.gov/PublicWorks or call 480-358-3000.

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