

Memorial Markers

The City of El Paso offers roadside memorial markers to remind the traveling public of the dangers of unsafe driving and to provide families with the opportunity to honor victims of traffic-related fatalities.

Applications for roadside memorial markers are available through the City's Streets and Maintenance Department. Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) also assists with applications.

To learn more, contact the City's Streets and Maintenance Department by dialing 3-1-1 or MADD at (915) 779-1987.



City of El Paso

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Guidelines



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The City of El Paso allows the placement of roadside memorial markers to remind passing motorists of the dangers of unsafe driving and to provide families with the opportunity to honor and remember loved ones who died in traffic collisions. The program was established in 2006 with a City Council approved amendment to Title 15 of the city code.

The initial application for a marker must be submitted by a member of the victim's family. Families may request a memorial marker by submitting an application to the city's Streets and Maintenance Department. In some instances, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) is allowed to submit an application on the family's behalf. The application fee is \$124.

Applications are reviewed and approved by the Streets and Maintenance Department. The department installs memorial markers that meet established requirements.

How does the program work?

Program guidelines limit the number of memorial markers to one per traffic incident and one marker per location. However, a single marker may contain multiple names. The marker may not state that the death was the result of intoxicated driving unless the request is accompanied by proof of a DWI conviction. The marker will contain the victim's name, date of birth and date of the incident.

Locations for markers are limited to the city's street system. To install a marker on a state maintained roadway, contact the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT).

The applicant may meet with the Streets and Maintenance Department to recommend the location of the marker.

The department will determine if the proposed location of a memorial marker is appropriate or creates a safety hazard. If the placement is not allowed due to safety concerns, the department will work to find an alternate location that is acceptable to the applicant. If an agreement over an alternate location cannot be reached, the application fee shall be refunded to the applicant.

Markers will remain in place as long as they are in good condition. In the event that a marker may need to be replaced, there will be a replacement fee of \$124. If the victim's family cannot be contacted for the marker replacement, any other individual or organization may pay the fee to have the marker replaced.

The marker will be located as close to the right-of-way line as possible, preferably near a utility pole or at the edge of non-mow area. The marker will not be placed in medians or between the main lanes and frontage road of a controlled access roadway.

Markers will not be affixed to traffic control devices, such as regulatory signs, street name signs

or signals. Markers may not be placed in front of a developed property unless the adjacent property owner has given written permission to the requestor.

Personal Memorial Objects

The City allows additional memorial objects at permitted memorial marker sites, such as flowers, toys and ghost bikes for a one-time, non-refundable fee of \$50. The area where objects are placed should not exceed a 4-square-foot area, nor create visibility or health and safety issues. Objects that are not maintained or in compliance with program guidelines are subject to removal.

Non-Permitted Markers

Only City of El Paso roadside memorial markers and permitted personal memorial objects will be permanently allowed. Non-permitted memorial objects may be removed after 30 days.

