

Updated Metal Detector Policy

Voluntary Consent Requirements

▶ How Voluntary Consent Works

- ▶ A person may submit to the metal-detector search or freely leave the premises.
- ▶ When a person is informed that they have the **choice not to consent**, but proceeds through screening anyway, courts treat this as **implied and voluntary consent**.

▶ Notice Requirements

- ▶ Individuals must be **notified before screening** that a search is a **condition of entry** into the meeting space.

▶ Best Practice:

- ▶ **Large-format signage** posted before the search checkpoint (English + Spanish)
- ▶ **Multilingual signage** posted at the WTMD itself to meet community needs



Conclusion



- ▶ Statutory and case law permits the City to install metal detectors at City Council meetings, so long as proper notification and search parameters are followed.

Logistics Overview

Establish a consistent, professional screening process

Walk-through metal detector (WTMD)

- ▶ Handheld wands for secondary screening
- ▶ DPSST-certified guards + police presence
- ▶ Clear signage and controlled entry flow





Equipment & Setup

- ▶ Recommended Equipment:
 - ▶ 1 WTMD (OpenGate or Fisher)
 - ▶ 2 handheld wands
 - ▶ 6-8 queue-control stanchions
 - ▶ Required signage

- ▶ Metal Removal Rules:
 - ▶ Fisher: remove all metal objects
 - ▶ OpenGate: remove only large metal items

- ▶ Setup Time: 20-30 minutes

Staffing Model

- ▶ Contractor DPSST certified security guards
 - ▶ one male + one female for pat-downs
- ▶ Police presence for deterrence & incident handling
- ▶ Guard Roles:
 - ▶ Guard 1: Operates WTMD & manages flow
 - ▶ Guard 2: Conducts wand screening
- ▶ Arrival: Guards onsite 1 hour prior



Screening Flow & Accommodations

Visitor Process:

- Queuing & instructions
- Remove metal items (WTMD-specific requirements)
- WTMD screening
- Secondary wand screening if alarm triggers

Accommodations:

- Medical devices & mobility aids
- Religious items
- ADA access

Refusal:

- Not admitted
Provided alternative participation options



Cost Summary



One-Time Implementation:

- ▶ WTMD (1 unit): \$5,000-\$15,000
- ▶ Wands (2 units): \$500-\$540
- ▶ Signage: \$250-\$450
- ▶ Stanchions (6-8): \$960-\$1,440
- ▶ Total: ~\$6,710-\$17,430

Ongoing Cost:

- ▶ Staffing (2 guards): \$660-\$780 per meeting
- ▶ Annualized Cost: \$17,820 - \$21,060