

**2012 Seattle City Council Green Sheet**

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**Budget Action Title:** Amend C.B. 117320 related to increasing SDOT Commercial Vehicle Load Zone permit fees to clarify that permits are issued on an annual basis and pass as amended.

**Councilmembers:** Budget Committee

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**Council Bill or Resolution:** 117320/Gray Tab #19

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	No										
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***Budget Action description:***

C.B. 117320 (Gray Notebook Tab #19) would increase permit fees for Commercial Vehicle Load Zones (CVLZ) to \$195 per vehicle per year. This is a \$45 increase for the first permit and a \$105 increase for subsequent permits compared with the current fee structure. The table below summarizes recent changes to CVLZ fees:

CVLZ Fees	2004	2010	2012 Proposed
First Permit	\$120	\$150	\$195
Additional Permits	\$90	\$90	\$195

This green sheet would also amend C.B. 117320 to clarify that the CVLZ vehicle permit is issued on an annual basis, and then recommend passage as amended. The word “annual” was inadvertently omitted in the proposed legislation. The amendment would be as follows:

On line 21, page 1, insert the word “annual” in parenthesis after “\$195 per permit.” The amended section would read:

Type of Permit	Fee
Commercial Vehicle Load Zone:	<u>\$195 per permit (annual)</u>
	<del>((First Decal))</del> <del>(((\$150.00 (annual)))</del>
	<del>((Second (or more) Decal))</del> <del>(((\$90.00 (annual)))</del>

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The increase in fees is intended to minimize the discrepancy between the current on-street parking rates and the CVLZ annual permit cost and better reflect the value of the curb-space being allocated for commercial purposes. The current CVLZ permit holder pays the equivalent of \$0.58 per workday (assuming 260 workdays a year) for unlimited use of any of the 460 commercial vehicle load zones across the city. The proposed increase would raise this to \$0.75 per work day. In the commercial core, where the current hourly parking rate is \$4.00, there are 125 commercial vehicle load and unload zones.

It is estimated that the fee increase will generate \$250,000 in additional General Subfund revenue to the City in 2012. The total revenues from CVLZ permits are estimated to be approximately \$760,000.