

2012 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

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Budget Action Title: SPU update of tap fees and related work processes.

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

The Council requests that Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) submit a report that:

- 1) Evaluates the formula used to calculate tap fees charged when a new water service is connected to the City system, with a goal of adjusting the formula to recover to the greatest extent possible SPU's cost of providing new taps services.
- 2) Evaluates the work processes used to connect new water taps to the City system and identifies opportunities to conduct the work more efficiently to lower the cost of new taps services.
- 3) Recommends how to narrow the gap between new taps revenues and expenditures by updating the formula for calculating tap fees, reducing cost of new taps services through more efficient work processes, or both. The recommendations should seek to reduce the gap by at least \$250,000 in 2013 and an additional \$250,000 (for a total reduction of at least \$500,000) in 2014.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Seattle Public Utilities & Neighborhoods

Date Due to Council: May 1, 2012