

ORDINANCE No.

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Law Department

The City of

Honorable President:

Your Committee on

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Introduced: Aug 21 1989	By: Benson
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# The City of Seattle--Legislative Department

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE

President:

Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

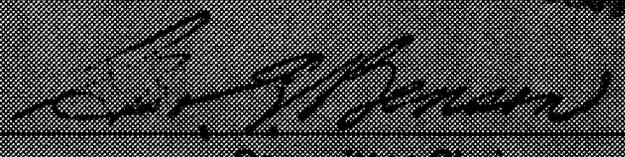
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Committee Chair

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1 ground area occupied by such structure and its foundations for sanitary  
2 sewer connection or for its relocation, and for additions to these  
3 structures, plus a pump fee of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) when applicable, and  
4 the minimum fee for a sanitary sewer connection shall be One Hundred Eighty  
5 Dollars (\$180.00), and the maximum for a sanitary sewer connection shall be  
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17 ting for which no permit is required.

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- 19 2. To cap side sewer: Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) each. One Hundred  
20 Dollars (\$100.00) guarantee deposit each;

21 F. Additional direct connections to a public sanitary sewer: one-  
22 half the rate for an initial connection, but not less than Fifty Dollars  
23 (\$50.00);

24 G. Reconnection to a public sewer of structures moved from another  
25 location shall be the same as for an initial connection, but not be less  
26 than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00);

27 H. Direct connection to a storm drain tributary to a major receiving  
28 water;

1. Permit processing and inspection fee for a one- or two-family  
residence: (~~Fifty Five Dollars (\$55.00)~~) Sixty Five Dollars  
(\$65.00) plus (~~Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)~~) Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) for

1 each catch basin or similar interceptor,

2 2. Permit processing and inspection fee for multiple residence (3 or  
3 more units) or commercial structure: One cent (\$.01) per square  
4 foot of ground area occupied by the structure with a minimum fee  
5 of (~~Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)~~) Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) plus (~~Fifty~~  
6 ~~Dollars (\$50.00)~~) Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) for each catch basin or  
7 similar interceptor;

8 I. Installation of a stormwater detention system:

9 1. Of five thousand square feet or less: Permit processing and  
10 inspection fee of (~~Eighty Five Dollars (\$85.00)~~) One Hundred  
11 Dollars (\$100.00) plus (~~Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)~~) Sixty Dollars  
12 (\$60.00) for each catch basin or similar interceptor,

13 2. Of greater than five thousand square feet:

14 a. Permit processing and inspection fee of (~~One Hundred~~  
15 ~~Dollars (\$100.00)~~) One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$120.00) plus  
16 (~~Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)~~) Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) for  
17 each catch basin or similar interceptor,

18 b. Base design and plan review fee of (~~One Hundred Dollars~~  
19 ~~(\$100.00)~~) One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$120.00),

20 c. Additional design and plan review fee of (~~Two Hundred~~  
21 ~~Dollars (\$200.00)~~) Two Hundred Forty Dollars (\$240.00) plus  
22 (~~Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)~~) Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) for one to  
23 two catch basins or similar interceptors,

24 (~~One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)~~) One Hundred Twenty Dollars  
25 (\$120.00) for three to five catch basins or similar  
26 interceptors, or (~~One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00)~~) One  
27 Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$180.00) for over five catch basins  
28 or similar interceptors for a system that is located in a  
designated environmentally sensitive area, has a rooftop  
detention system, has a pump system, is over ten thousand  
square feet or is otherwise complex, as defined by the

1 Director of Engineering, and requires additional review,

2 d. Each resubmittal of plans with significant changes, as  
3 defined by the Director of Engineering, will be charged an  
4 additional design and plan review fee of Fifty Percent (50%)  
5 of the original fee;

6 J. All fees for detention systems and drainage-related catch basins  
7 shall be deposited in the (~~Sewer~~) Drainage and Wastewater Fund;

8 K. When side sewer or drainage work, as regulated by Seattle  
9 Municipal Code Chapter 21.16 (Ordinance 97016), is started without the  
10 required permit, the fee shall be double the fee fixed by this chapter,  
11 except that the double-fee charge shall not apply in cases where in the  
12 discretion of the Director of Engineering an emergency has arisen at a time  
13 other than business hours and a permit is secured before noon of the first  
14 business day following an emergency.

15 L. The maximum fee for storm drainage permits under subsections H,  
16 I, and J shall be (~~One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00)~~) One  
17 Thousand Eight Hundred (\$1,800.00).

18 M. City preparation of legal documents required by Chapter 21.16 of  
19 the Seattle Municipal Code: (~~Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)~~) Sixty Dollars  
20 (\$60.00) per document.

21 In all cases of dispute regarding fees, permits or other matters  
22 relating to this chapter, the decision of the Director of Engineering shall  
23 be final and conclusive.

24 Section 2. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the  
25 effective date of this ordinance is hereby ratified and confirmed.  
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(To be used for all Ordinances except Emergency.)

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty days from and after its passage and approval, if approved by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect at the time it shall become a law under the provisions of the city charter.

Passed by the City Council the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 1989,  
and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 1989.

*[Signature]*  
President of the City Council.

Approved by me this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1989.

*Charles P. Ryan*  
Mayor.

Filed by me this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1989.

Attest: *Howard J. Brooks*  
City Comptroller and City Clerk.

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By *Margaret Carter*  
Deputy Clerk.

# City of Seattle

Executive Department-Office of Management and Budget

Kenneth R. Bounds, Director  
Charles Royer, Mayor



August 15, 1989

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The Honorable Douglas Jewett  
City Attorney  
City of Seattle

Dear Mr. Jewett:

The Mayor is proposing to the City Council that the enclosed legislation be adopted.

REQUESTING  
DEPARTMENT: Engineering

SUBJECT: An ordinance relating to side sewer or drain connections, amending Section 21.24.020 of the Seattle Municipal Code (Ordinance 82583) to establish and clarify certain permit fees and redirect deposit of such fees into the Drainage and Wastewater Fund rather than the Sewer Fund.

Pursuant to the City Council's S.O.P. 100-014, the Executive Department is forwarding this request for legislation to your office for review and drafting.

After reviewing this request and any necessary redrafting of the enclosed legislation, return the legislation to OMB. Any specific questions regarding the legislation can be directed to Ann Brooks.

Sincerely,

Charles Royer  
Mayor

by

KENNETH R. BOUNDS  
Budget Director

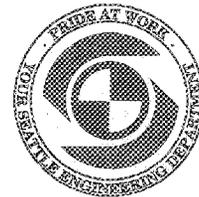
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Enclosure

cc: Director, SED

Seattle  
Engineering Department

Gary Zarker, Director of Engineering  
Charles Royer, Mayor



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August 16, 1989

Honorable Sam Smith  
President, Seattle City Council  
1100 Municipal Building  
Seattle, Washington 98104

VIA: Ken Bounds, Director  
Office of Management and Budget

Dear Council President Smith:

We request City Council adoption of the enclosed ordinance. This ordinance expresses Council's authorization to increase permit fees for drainage permit issuance.

BACKGROUND

On a biannual basis, permit fees are reviewed to determine whether or not Council's intent that fees fully recover the direct costs of issuing permits is met. The complete review for the years 1990 to 1991, for drainage and wastewater permit fees is attached. Though wastewater permit fees are adequate currently to cover direct costs into the next two years, drainage permit fees will need to increase by 20% to accomplish the objective.

The attached ordinance leaves wastewater permit fees at their current level, while increasing drainage permit fees by 20%.

IMPORTANCE

Approval of this ordinance is required to meet Council's objective that fees fully recover the direct costs of issuing permits.

Sam Smith  
August 16, 1989  
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ACTION

The ordinance raises drainage permit fees in February of 1990, which covers the direct costs of issuing drainage and wastewater permits with the fee revenue in 1990 and 1991.

Sincerely,

  
Gary Zarker  
Director of Engineering

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Enclosure

cc: Kevin Clark, Drainage and Wastewater Utility  
Kirk Jones, Street Use  
Mary Kay Doherty, Law Department  
Jean Wright, Comptroller's Office

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# Wastewater and Drainage Permit Fee Review

1990 - 1991 Update

## Wastewater

### 1. Service provided, and intent of fee.

The fee is paid in conjunction with the application for a permit. The permit is for a sewer connection, repair, alteration, or addition to be made by a property owner, or a registered side sewer contractor representing the owner.

The permit application is reviewed to determine whether or not it conforms to the requirements of the City regulating such connections and alterations. These requirements insure safety, and functional operation according to DWU standards. An engineering draft of the alteration or connection is then prepared, in order to make the City records of the sewer structure complete and accurate.

### 2. Customer Base.

The customer base is: owners of single-family dwellings; multiple-family dwelling structures including duplexes, apartment buildings, condominiums, trailer courts, motels, and similar structures or additions thereto; other structures including hotels, office buildings, stores, churches, schools, universities, boarding or rooming houses, hospitals, and buildings accessory thereto; industrial or commercial structures of every kind and additions thereto; and combinations of commercial and dwelling unit structures. The number of permits issued in 1988 was 1,613.

### 3. Costs to be recovered.

The objective is to estimate the direct cost of issuing the permits and to have the fees cover those direct cost. Looking at the calendar year 1988, direct costs have been identified. CFMS report 55 identifies total costs, and breaks them down by task. All tasks, and their relative costs, which are directly related to permit issuance were identified. The following table delineates the total costs, direct costs, and percent direct.

Expenses	<u>total cost</u>	<u>direct cost</u>	<u>%</u>
WH0016 Side Sewer Activity	\$563,060	\$197,071	35%

Council intent is for the fees to fully recover the direct costs of issuing permits. The revenue for sewer permit fees in 1988

was \$200,951. In projecting into the future two year period, considering inflation at 5% per year, the permit rates at the current level should be adequate, with no change, into 1990 and 1991. A slight increase in the number of permits is projected to occur, but this will not effect the rate, since revenue generated will cover the direct costs incurred.

RECOMMENDATION

<u>Category</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
single family	100.00	100.00
multi family		
fixed	100.00	100.00
additional unit	20.00	20.00
maximum	525.00	525.00
commercial		
square foot	.02	.02
minimum	180.00	180.00
maximum	525.00	525.00
repairs/capping	60.00	60.00

Drainage

1. Service provided, and intent of fee.

The fee is paid in conjunction with the application for a permit. The permit is for a direct connection to a storm drain tributary to a major receiving water. It is for permit processing and inspection of catch basins or similar interceptors which will be installed by a property owner, or a registered contractor representing the owner.

The permit application is reviewed to determine whether or not it conforms to the requirements of the City regulating such connections and alterations. These requirements insure safety, and functional operation. The alteration or connection is then inspected, and the plans reviewed if the area to be drained exceeds five thousand square feet. An engineering draft of the alterations is prepared, in order to make the City records of the current drainage structure complete and accurate.

2. Customer Base.

The customer base is: owners of a one or two-family residence; multiple residence (3 or more units) or commercial structures; and for anyone designing a plan for multiple catch basins in systems that are located in designated environmentally sensitive areas, having rooftop detention systems, pump systems, are extremely large in square footage, or are otherwise complex. The number of permits issued in 1988 was 804.

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Drainage Permit Costs	<u>total costs</u>	<u>direct costs</u>	<u>%</u>
WD1282 Eng Design Plan Review	\$ 91,759	67,310	73%
WD1283 Street Use Drain Plan Review	<u>\$219,774</u>	<u>118,677</u>	<u>54%</u>
	\$311,533	185,661	
Drainage Permits Revenue			<u>\$162,959</u>
Net difference			<u>(22,702)</u>

Direct drainage permit costs were under recovered by 12%. In order to make revenues and expenditures equivalent in the next two year period, fees should be raised by an amount to cover both inflation as well as the 12% shortfall of 1988. A frequency analysis was performed. However, the most frequently paid fees alone cannot recover the entire amount without raising them substantially, to a level discouraging legal use of the permit fee system. Therefore, a total increase of 20% across the board is recommended.

<u>Drainage fee categories</u>	<u>88 Frequency</u>
one or two family residence	125
plus cost per c.b.	less than 20
multiple residence	54
plus cost per c.b.	less than 20
detention systems	
5,000 sq.ft.	362
plus cost per c.b.	less than 20
over 5,000 sq. ft.	61
plus cost per c.b.	30
plus design & plan review	less than 20
addtn'l plan review min	less than 20
maximum	less than 20

RECOMMENDATION

<u>Current Rate Structure</u>	<u>Current Permit Fee</u>	<u>1990 1991 Recommendation</u>
one or two family residence	55.00	65.00
plus cost per c.b.	50.00	60.00
multiple residence	50.00	60.00
plus cost per c.b.	50.00	60.00
detention systems		
5,000 sq.ft.	85.00	100.00
plus cost per c.b.	50.00	60.00
over 5,000 sq. ft.	100.00	120.00
plus cost per c.b.	50.00	60.00
plus design & plan review	100.00	120.00
addtn'l plan review min	250.00	300.00
maximum	350.00	420.00

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Affidavit of Publication

The undersigned, on oath states that he is an authorized representative of The Daily Journal of Commerce, a daily newspaper, which newspaper is a legal newspaper of general circulation and it is now and has been for more than six months prior to the date of publication hereinafter referred to, published in the English language continuously as a daily newspaper in Seattle, King County, Washington, and it is now and during all of said time was printed in an office maintained at the aforesaid place of publication of this newspaper. The Daily Journal of Commerce was on the 12th day of June, 1941, approved as a legal newspaper by the Superior Court of King County.

The notice in the exact form annexed, was published in regular issues of The Daily Journal of Commerce, which was regularly distributed to its subscribers during the below stated period. The annexed notice, a

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was published on

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The amount of the fee charged for the foregoing publication is the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, which amount has been paid in full.

*Bea Drury Morris*

Subscribed and sworn to before me on

DEC 1 1989

*Lee Ray*

Notary Public for the State of Washington,  
residing in Seattle

# City of Seattle

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