

ORDINANCE No. 120983

COUNCIL BILL No. 114356

The City

AN ORDINANCE relating to the revision of plumbing permit fees; amending Section 22.504.010 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

Honorable President:

Your Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

to which was referred the within report that we have considered the

11-18-02 Budget

11-18-02 Passed

COMPTROLLER FILE No. \_\_\_\_\_

Introduced: <u>10-14-02</u>	By: <u>Drago</u>
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*Law Department*

# The City of Seattle--Legislative Department

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Date Reported  
and Adopted

able President:

Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

was referred the within Council Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_

that we have considered the same and respectfully recommend that the same:

02 Budget Committee: Pass 9-0

02 Passed 9-0

Department

Committee Chair

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**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** Effective January 1, 2003, Seattle Municipal Code 22.504.010 is amended as follows:

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An applicant for a permit to do work under this Plumbing Code shall pay for each permit, at the time of issuance, a fee in accordance with the following schedule, and at the rate provided for each classification shown in the schedule:

**A. Schedule of Fees**

Base plumbing permit for one (1) (~~through four (4))~~ fixture(s) or trap(s) (other than reduced pressure principle backflow prevention devices or double check valve assemblies, for which a separate permit shall be obtained at the rates in this schedule)

~~(\$75)~~ **\$95**

For each additional plumbing fixture or trap (including water drainage vent piping and backflow protection therefor)

**\$10**

For each atmospheric vacuum breaker in irrigation systems, tanks, vats, etc., or for installation on unprotected plumbing fixtures including necessary water piping

Vacuum breaker - one (1) to five (5) - each device

**\$10**



1 Vacuum breaker - over five (5) - each device \$5

2 Pressure vacuum breaker – each \$10

3 Reduced pressure principle backflow prevention device or double check valve  
4 assembly

5 Base plumbing permit for one (1) device or assembly ~~((75))~~ \$95

6 Each additional device or assembly \$10

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8 **B. Fees for Miscellaneous Inspection Services**

9 Fees for inspection service outside regular working hours or for inspection service  
10 requested but not covered by a permit will be charged for at a rate equal to the  
11 cost of performing the service.

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14 Fees for permanent location inspection of factory housing or modular unit containing  
15 plumbing – For each single-family dwelling or each modular unit containing plumbing  
16 \$20

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19 Plumbing permit includes on-site connections of building drain extensions, water  
20 service and necessary gas piping connections.

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23 Additional plumbing fixtures installed after factory installation of plumbing for each  
24 plumbing fixture or trap \$10



1 Fees for reconnection and retest of plumbing systems in relocated buildings - For each  
2 building containing plumbing **\$20**

3 Plumbing permit includes on-site connections of building drain extensions, water service  
4 and necessary gas piping connections.

5 Additional plumbing fixtures installed after relocation for each plumbing fixture  
6 or trap **\$10**

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9 **C.** For the purpose of this section, "fixture" means and includes an appliance  
10 that is connected with a water, drain, or vent pipe, but a sillcock faucet or hose  
11 bibb is not considered a fixture. A sanitary plumbing outlet on or to which a  
12 plumbing fixture or appliance may be set or attached ~~((is))~~ shall be construed to be  
13 a fixture.  
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17 **D.** Any person who commenced any work for which a permit is required by  
18 this Plumbing Code without first having obtained ~~((the))~~ such permit, shall upon  
19 subsequent application for the permit pay double the fee fixed by the schedule of  
20 fees for the work in subsections A and B of this section unless it is proved to the  
21 satisfaction of the Administrative Authority that the work was urgently necessary  
22 and that it was not practical to obtain a permit ~~((before))~~ prior to the  
23 commencement of the work. In all such emergency cases, a permit shall be  
24 obtained as soon as it is practical to do so, and if there is an unreasonable delay in  
25 obtaining the permit, a double fee shall be charged as provided in this Code.  
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E. A reinspection fee of (~~Forty~~) One Hundred Dollars (~~(\$40)~~) (\$100) may be assessed for each inspection or reinspection if the portion of work for which inspection is called is not complete or if corrections called for are not made. This subsection does not require inspection fees the first time a job is rejected for failure to comply with this Code, but as controlling the practice of calling for inspection or reinspection.

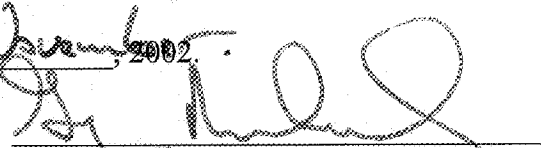
Reinspection fees may be assessed if the permit is not properly posted on the work site, the work to be inspected is not under test, for failure to provide access on the date for which inspection is requested, or for failure to make required corrections. Requests for reinspection shall be made in writing upon forms furnished for that purpose, and shall be accompanied by the reinspection fee in accordance with this section. If reinspection fees have been assessed, additional inspection of the work shall not be performed until the required fees have been paid.

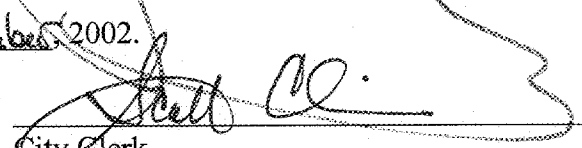


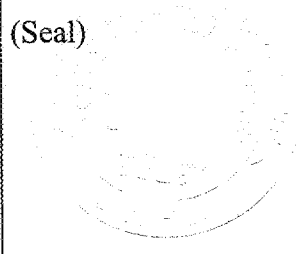
1 Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after  
2 its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten (10) days  
3 after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

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5 Passed by the City Council the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 2002, and signed by me in  
6 open session in authentication of its passage this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2002.

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9 President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

10 Approved by me this 25 day of November, 2002.  
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12 Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

13 Filed by me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2002.  
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15 City Clerk





# City of Seattle

Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

## Office of the Mayor

September 23, 2002

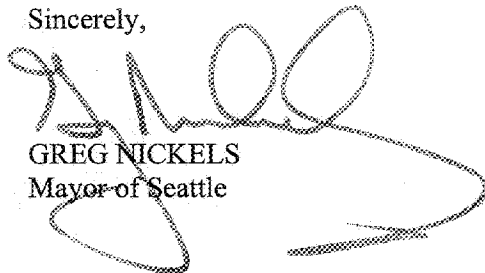
Honorable Peter Steinbrueck  
President  
Seattle City Council  
Municipal Building, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor

Dear Council President Steinbrueck:

The attached ordinance will increase the base fee for plumbing permits and reduced backflow prevention device permits from \$75 to \$95, and increase re-inspection fee from \$40 to \$100. The fee increases, which will provide an additional \$136,455 to support the Health Department's Plumbing/Gas Piping Inspection program, are necessary to maintain existing levels of inspection and code enforcement services due to inflationary cost increases. Fees for plumbing permits were last changed effective January 1, 1998. Fees for reduced backflow prevention device permits were first established effective December 30, 1999. The same fee changes will be proposed to the Metropolitan King County Council for adoption in King County.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. Should you have questions please contact Susan Eisele at 205-5676.

Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Nickels', written over a large, faint circular stamp.

GREG NICKELS  
Mayor of Seattle

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## Fiscal Note Template

Each piece of legislation that is financial in nature requires a fiscal note. The fiscal note should be drafted by department staff and should identify operating, capital, revenue, and FTE impacts of the legislation. After preparation by departmental staff, the City Budget Office will review and make necessary revisions before transmittal to Council.

<b>Department:</b> Public Health	<b>Contact Person/Phone:</b> Susan Eisele/205-5676	<b>CBO Analyst/Phone:</b> Cheryl Swab/684-8053
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**Legislation Title:** AN ORDINANCE relating to the revision of plumbing permit fees; amending Section 22.504.010 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

**Summary of the Legislation:** Proposal to increase base fee for plumbing permit and reduced backflow prevention device permit from \$75 to \$95 and increase re-inspection fee from \$40 to \$100.

**Background (Include justification for the legislation and funding history, if applicable):**  
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**Public Private Partnership Review Status:**

NA

**Is the legislation subject to public hearing requirements?** If yes, what public hearings have been held to date?



**Fiscal Sustainability Issues (related to grant awards):NA**

*Estimated Expenditure Impacts:*

FUND (List # and/or Account)	2002	2003	2004
<b>TOTAL</b>	*	*	*

**\*NA. Expenditures are from the King County Health Fund**

One-time \$ \_\_\_\_\_ On-going \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Estimated Revenue Impacts:*

FUND (List # and/or Account)	2002	2003	2004
<b>TOTAL</b>	*	*	*

**\*NA. Revenues are collected by King County Health Fund**

One-time \$ \_\_\_\_\_ On-going \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Estimated FTE Impacts: NA. No City of Seattle positions are affected*

FUND (List # and/or Account)	2002	2003	2004
<b>TOTAL</b>			

# Full Time \_\_\_\_\_ # Part Time \_\_\_\_\_ # TES \_\_\_\_\_

**Do positions sunset in the future? If yes, identify sunset date? No**

**Other Issues (including long-term implications of the legislation):**



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**STATE OF WASHINGTON – KING COUNTY**

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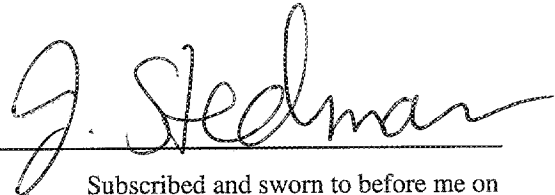
The undersigned, on oath states that he is an authorized representative of The Daily Journal of Commerce, a daily newspaper, which newspaper is a legal newspaper of general circulation and it is now and has been for more than six months prior to the date of publication hereinafter referred to, published 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1941, approved as a legal newspaper by the Superior Court of King County.

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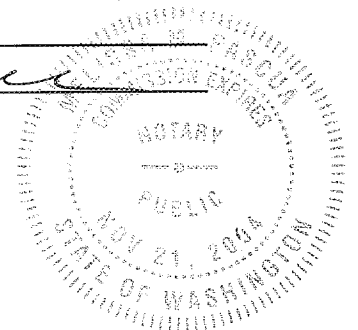
Subscribed and sworn to before me on

12/3/2002



Notary public for the State of Washington,  
residing in Seattle

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# State of Washington, King County

## City of Seattle

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