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ORDINANCE _____

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2 AN ORDINANCE related to fees and charges for permits and activities of the Department of
3 Planning and Development and related fees by other departments; repealing a section of
4 Ordinance 123453; and amending Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 22.900A,
5 Administration and Enforcement; Chapter 22.900B, General Provisions; Chapter
6 22.900C, Fees for Land Use Review; Chapter 22.900D, Fees for New and Altered
7 Buildings and Equipment; Chapter 22.900E, Fees for Certificates and Registrations;
8 Chapter 22.900F, Compliance and Other Inspections; and Chapter 22.900G, Fees
9 Collected for Other Departments.

10 WHEREAS, by Ordinance 123453, effective January 1, 2011, the City Council revised Chapter
11 22.900 of the Seattle Municipal Code, related to fees and charges for permits and
12 activities under Seattle's Building and Construction Codes; and

13 WHEREAS, the technical correction proposed in Sections 2 and 3 of the ordinance herein are
14 necessary to accurately and completely record the amendments to Seattle Municipal Code
15 22.900B.060 intended and approved by the City Council in Ordinance 123453; and

16 WHEREAS, the Seattle Department of Planning & Development proposes additional corrections
17 and revisions to fees and charges for permits and activities under Seattle's Building and
18 Construction Codes; NOW THEREFORE,

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

20 Section 1. Subsection 22.900A.060.C of the Seattle Municipal Code, which subsection
21 was last amended by Ordinance 121338, is amended as follows:

22 **22.900A.060 Delinquent fees((-))**

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24 C. Remedies.

25 1. The Director may issue a stop-work order as provided in Section 22.900A.070
26 ((where)) if the person or persons responsible for payment of a fee have not done so within 30
27 days after the billing.

28 2. Following notice to the applicant, ((F))the Director may suspend processing, and/or
withhold issuance of a permit, decision, certificate or approval on any application ((where))if



1 fees have not been fully paid(~~(, or on any subsequent or concurrent applications by the same~~
2 ~~person or persons responsible for payment of fees)) until such time as the fees are paid.~~

3 3. Following notice to the applicant, the Director may cancel a permit application if fees
4 have not been fully paid.

5 ~~((3-))~~4. Following notice to the applicant, ~~((F))~~the Director may refer collection of any
6 amounts due under this Subtitle to a collection agency. The cost to the Department for the
7 collection services will be assessed as costs, at the rate agreed to between the Department and the
8 collection agency, and added to the penalty.

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10 ~~((4-))~~5. Following notice to the applicant, ~~((F))~~the Director may take other actions to
11 collect amounts due, including but not limited to, placing delinquent accounts on a cash-only
12 basis.

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14 Section 2. Section 10 of Ordinance 123453, which amended Subsection 22.900B.060.A
15 of the Seattle Municipal Code, is repealed.

16 Section 3. Subsection 22.900B.060.A of the Seattle Municipal Code, which subsection
17 was last amended by Ordinance 122297, is amended as follows:

18 **22.900B.060 Revisions and additions to applications~~((-))~~**

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20 A. According to standards promulgated by the Director, the Department may assess an
21 additional fee for the plan examination of previous designs when a subsequent redesign of a
22 project is submitted prior to permit issuance. The revision fee shall be assessed at the DPD
23 hourly rate not to exceed the fee that would have been charged for the original design, provided
24 that if the application is a Land Use application that requires additional Land Use review, the
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1 Land Use hourly rate in effect at the time the revision is filed shall be charged for that portion of
2 the work. The total fee is the fee for the final design plus the revision fee.

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4 Section 4. Effective January 1, 2012, or on the effective date of this ordinance, if after
5 January 1, 2012, Section 22.900A.030 of the Seattle Municipal Code, which section was last
6 amended by Ordinance 121664, is amended as follows:

7 **22.900A.030 Payment and responsibility for fees((~~r~~))**

8 A. No permit shall be issued or approved, no Certificate of Occupancy shall be issued,
9 ~~((and))~~no drawing or other data relating to such permit shall be examined, and no certificate or
10 license shall be issued until the corresponding fees prescribed by this subtitle have been paid.

11 B. Unless otherwise specified in this subtitle, each distinct component of an application,
12 review, ~~((or))~~permit, certificate, license, or other fee collected by the Department shall be
13 charged as a separate fee.

14 C. Both the applicant for the permit, certificate or license and the owner of the subject
15 property ~~((for which the permit is required,))~~are jointly and severally responsible for payment of
16 fees required by this subtitle. However, when an applicant is not the owner and is not acting,
17 even in part, as agent for the owner, the applicant is solely responsible for payment of applicable
18 fees. Applicants and owners are liable for all charges incurred whether or not a favorable
19 decision or recommendation is given by the Director, and regardless of whether a permit is
20 issued, ~~((or))~~the project or application is canceled or denied before permit issuance, or a
21 certificate or license is not issued.

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1 Section 5. Effective January 1, 2012, or on the effective date of this ordinance, if after
2 January 1, 2012, Section 22.900A.040 of the Seattle Municipal Code, which section was last
3 amended by Ordinance 123453, is amended as follows:

4 **22.900A.040 Administration and enforcement((-))**

5 A. For the purpose of this subtitle, the term "Director" means the Director of the
6 Department or an authorized representative.

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8 B. The Director is authorized to administer, interpret, and enforce the provisions of this
9 subtitle provided, that:

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11 6. The Director of the Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs shall administer, interpret
12 and enforce sections of this subtitle that are applicable to the Office's review of projects((-)); and

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14 7. The Superintendent of the Department of Parks and Recreation shall administer,
15 interpret and enforce sections of this subtitle that are applicable to the Department of Parks and
16 Recreation review of projects.

17 C. The Director is authorized to collect fees listed in the preceding subsection or other
18 fee related legislation for the Seattle Department of Transportation, the Seattle Fire Department,
19 the Seattle-King County Department of Health, the Department of Neighborhoods, the
20 Department of Parks and Recreation, or Seattle Public Utilities, and to transfer those funds to
21 them.
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1 Section 6. Effective January 1, 2012, or on the effective date of this ordinance, if after
2 January 1, 2012, Subsection 22.900B.020.E of the Seattle Municipal Code, which section was
3 last amended by Ordinance 122855, is amended as follows:

4 **22.900B.020 Miscellaneous and special fees((=))**

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6 E. Copies of electronic and ((Microfilm copies of))microfilm records.

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8 Charges for plans reproduced from electronic records or from the microfilm library are.
9 shown in Table B-1.

10 **Table B-1 — FEES FOR REPRODUCTIONS FROM ELECTRONIC OR**
11 **MICROFILM RECORDS**

<u>((Size or Type of Page))Page Size</u>	<u>Price</u>
<u>Electronic Records</u>	
<u>8½" X 11"</u>	<u>\$0.50 per printed page</u>
<u>8½" X 14"</u>	<u>\$0.50 per printed page</u>
<u>11" X 17"</u>	<u>\$0.50 per printed page</u>
<u>Microfilm Records</u>	
<u>8½" X 11"</u>	<u>\$0.75 per copied page</u>
<u>11" X 17"</u>	<u>\$1.50 per copied page</u>
<u>((Diazo</u>	<u>\$5.00 per diazo))</u>

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21 Section 7. Effective January 1, 2012, or on the effective date of this ordinance, if after
22 January 1, 2012, Section 22.900C.010 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
23 123610, is amended as follows:

24 **22.900C.010 Land use fees((=))**

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Table C-1 — LAND USE FEES

A. MASTER USE PERMIT, ENVIRONMENTAL CRITICAL AREAS, CITY COUNCIL and HEARING EXAMINER APPROVALS

Hours worked beyond those covered by minimum will be charged the Land Use hourly rate, unless otherwise noted, and are payable at time of invoice.

Type of Land Use Review	Minimum Fee
General – first 10 hours of review	Land use Hourly x 10
Low-Income Housing – first 24 hours of review ¹	Land use Hourly x 10
1. Administrative conditional uses (ACUs) ACUs for community centers, child care centers, adult care centers, private schools, religious facilities and public and private libraries in single family and multi-family zones shall be charged a minimum fee of \$1,620 for the first 20 hours. Additional hours shall be charged at the rate of \$250 per hour. This exception applies when the application is for an ACU only, or an ACU combined with a variance application.	
2. <u>Design Review</u> ((Design review, except as provided in item 15))The minimum fee for Administrative Design Review and Streamlined Design Review is \$2,500. The minimum fee for full Design Review is \$5,000, which covers the first 20 hours of review. Refer to Table C-1 #15 for fees related to Design Review for Tree Protection.	
3. Environmental reviews), including projects with more than one addressed site.	
4. Environmentally critical areas (ECA) a. Environmentally Critical Areas variance ² b. ECA Exception c. Environmentally Critical Areas Administrative Conditional Use	
5. Shoreline permits a. Substantial development permits b. Variances ² and conditional uses	
6. Short subdivisions ³ ; refer to Table D-2 #10 for additional fees that may apply to this permit type	
7. Special exceptions	

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8. Variances²

Variances for community centers, child care centers, adult care centers, private schools, religious facilities and public and private libraries in single family and multi-family zones shall be charged a minimum fee of \$1,620 for the first 20 hours. Additional hours shall be charged at the rate of \$250 per hour. This exception applies when the application is for a variance only, or a variance combined only with an ACU application.

9. Type II land use approvals such as, ((Concept approvals including,)) but not limited to, planned community/ residential development, ((public projects, City facilities, plan shoreline developments, other general development plans))major phased developments and other Type II approvals that are not categorized otherwise in Table C-1.

10. The minimum fee for Council conditional uses, Rezones, Public Projects and all other Type IV and Type V land use approvals shall be \$5,000, which covers the first 20 hours of review.

11. Full subdivisions⁴; refer to Table D-2 #10 for additional fees that may apply to this permit type

12. ~~((Major Institution 40 hour deposit is required for Master Plans))~~Reserved

13. ~~((Zoning map changes and rezones))~~Reserved

B. MISCELLANEOUS HOURLY LAND USE REVIEWS, RESEARCH, AND OTHER SERVICES

Hours worked beyond those covered by minimum will be charged the Land Use hourly rate, unless otherwise noted, and payable at time of invoice.

Type of Land Use Review	Minimum Land Use Review Fee
14. Concurrency	Reserved
15. Design Review for Tree Protection ⁵ a. Design review required by SMC 25.11.070 or 25.11.080 to protect exceptional tree when no other land use reviews are required b. Design review elected by applicant for tree protection	Land Use Hourly x 10
16. Early design guidance	Land Use Hourly x 10
17. Establishing use for the record: Refer to Table D-2 #9 for additional fees that may apply to this permit type	Land Use Hourly x 2
18. Land Use Code Interpretations ⁶	Land Use Hourly x 10
19. Letters for detailed zoning analysis or permit research	Land Use Hourly x 4
20. Lot Boundary Adjustment, Temporary Use > 4 weeks; refer to Table D-2 #10 for additional fees that may apply to this permit type	Land Use Hourly x 5

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1	21. Major Institution – review of annual plan	Land Use Hourly x 6
2	22. Major phased development permit – minor amendment	Land Use Hourly x 2
3	23. Neighborhood planning	Reserved
4	24. Noise survey review and variance	See Table D-2 and Section 22.900F.020
5	25. Open space remainder lots and surplus state property	Land Use Hourly x 4
6	26. Pre-application conference ⁷	Land Use Hourly x ((+))2
7	27. Public benefit feature review	Land Use Hourly x 2
8	28. Renewals including shoreline renewals	Land Use Hourly x 2
9	29. Revisions other than shoreline revisions	Land Use Hourly x 1
10	30. School use and school development advisory committee reviews	Land Use Hourly x 10
11	31. Shoreline exemptions	Land Use Hourly x 1
12	32. Shoreline permit revisions not due to required conditions	Land Use Hourly x 2
13	33. Special accommodation	Land Use Hourly x 2
14	34. Structural building overhangs and areaways as a separate component	Land Use Hourly x 2
15	35. Tree and Vegetation Restoration Review in ECA above minimum threshold where SEPA is not required other than for the restoration (25.09.320A3c(2)(b))	Land Use Hourly x 2
16	36. Street Improvement Exceptions on a Land Use permit	Land Use Hourly x 2

C. NON-HOURLY LAND USE FEES

Type of Land Use Review	Fee
37. Curb cuts as a separate component a. Single-family residential b. Other than single-family residential	\$72 each \$143 each
38. Intake appointments for land use reviews; fee is charged for each occurrence	DPD Base Fee x 1
39. Notice. All notice is charged based upon type for each occurrence. ⁸ a. Land use information bulletin (GMR notice) b. Posting large sign or placards c. Mailed notice	DPD Base Fee x 1 \$109 DPD Base Fee x 1

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1	d. DJC decision publication	\$171
2	e. Neighborhood newspaper decision publication	\$171
3	f. Public meeting room rental	\$110
4	40. Rebuild Letters	
5	a. With Research	DPD Base Fee x 1
6	b. Without Research	\$37
7	41. Records research by the Public Resource Center	DPD Base Fee x 1
8	42. Recording Fees, for LBA, Short Subdivision	Rate charged by King County ⁹

Notes to Table C-1:

7. ~~((Additional notice may be given in circumstances including but not limited to the following:~~

~~reinstallation of environmental review signs, reposting of the land use review or environmental signs, new component reviews added subsequent to the original notice, revised decisions, and changes to the scope of the project.))~~ The pre-application conference fee covers a one hour conference and one hour of research and/or follow-up review time that normally occurs, for a total of two hours. Additional pre-application review time will be charged at the Land Use hourly rate. See also Section 22.900C.010.E.

8. ~~((The pre-application conference fee covers a one hour conference. Additional pre-application review time will be charged at the Land Use hourly rate. See also Section 22.900C.010.E.))~~ Additional notice may be given in circumstances including but not limited to the following: reinstallation of environmental review signs, reposting of the land use review or environmental signs, new component reviews added subsequent to the original notice, revised decisions, and changes to the scope of the project.



1 Section 8. Effective January 1, 2012, or on the effective date of this ordinance, if after
2 January 1, 2012, Section 22.900D.010 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
3 123453, is amended as follows:

4 **22.900D.010 Development permit fees((=))**

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Table D-2 — CALCULATION OF DEVELOPMENT FEES DETERMINED BY VALUE

Type of Development	Percent of Development Fee Index (DFI) Calculated from Project Value as Specified in Table D-1 ¹	
	Permit Fee	Plan Review Fee
1. Building, with or without mechanical, with or without use	100% of DFI	100% of DFI
2. STFI (Subject to field inspection – building and/or mechanical ²)	100% of DFI	40% of DFI
3. Energy code compliance review using Target UA and/or System Analysis (RS29).	(included in item #1)	DPD hourly rate, 1 hour minimum
4. Mechanical permit: a. Submitted as part of a building permit application (if associated with other work) b. Submitted separately from a building permit application (if associated with other work) or if applied for as a mechanical only permit (Also see Section 22.900D.090 for mechanical equipment fees) (See also Section 22.900D.090)	(included in item #1) 100% of DFI	<u>Mechanical review at the DPD hourly rate, 1 hour minimum</u> <u>All other applicable reviews at the DPD hourly rate, 1 hour minimum</u>
5. Blanket permit review fees: a. Initial tenant alterations <u>applied for within 18 months of the date of issuance of the first ((tenant permit))certificate of occupancy within a building where the area of work is more than 50,000 sq. ft..</u> b. Initial tenant alterations applied for after 18 months of the date of issuance of the first ((tenant permit, and other tenant alterations)) <u>certificate of occupancy</u>	\$2.20 per 100 square feet ¹ 100% of DFI	\$2.55 per 100 square feet ¹ 60% of DFI
6. Initial tenant alterations applied for within 18 months of the date of issuance of the first ((tenant permit)) <u>certificate of occupancy (nonblanket permit initial tenant improvements to shell and core)</u> ³	50% of DFI based on new building value of shell and core	50% of DFI based on new building value of shell and core

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1	7. Standard plans:		
2	a. Establishment of standard plan, including	100% of DFI	200% of DFI, plus
3	temporary structures. (For swimming pools, see		DPD hourly rate for
4	Item ((45)) 16 below.)		review/approval of
5	b. Establishment of already permitted plan as	100% of DFI	"options"
6	standard plan		100% of DFI, plus
7	c. Subsequent reviews of standard plan, other than	100% of DFI	DPD hourly rate for
8	temporary structures		review/approval of
9	d. Subsequent reviews of standard plans for	See Item ((46)) 17	60% of DFI, plus
10	temporary structures	below	DPD hourly rate for
11	8. Factory-built housing and commercial structures	Base fee x 1	review/approval of
12			"revisions"
13			See Item ((46)) 17
14			below
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Special Development Fees

	Type of Development	Permit Fee	Plan Review Fee
16	9. Establishing use for the record		
17	a. Applications with no construction	Base fee x 1.5	None
18	b. Applications with construction: Refer to Table	100% of DFI	100% of DFI
19	C-1, Item #18, for additional Land Use Fees that		
20	apply to this permit type		
21	<u>10. Building review associated with platting actions</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>DPD hourly rate</u>
22	<u>and/or LBAs</u>		
23	((10.)) 11. Noise survey reviews	None	DPD hourly rate;
24			((30-minute)) 1-hour
25			minimum
26	((11.)) 12. Parking facilities		
27	a. Outside a building	See Sec.	
28		22.900D.060	
	b. Within or on a building	See Sec.	
		22.900D.010.C	
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1	((12-)) 13. Renewal fees		
2	a. Development permits and separate mechanical permits where original plans will be changed	DPD hourly rate	DPD hourly rate
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4	b. Development permits other than separate mechanical where no change will be made to original plans	base fee x 1.5	
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6	c. Separate mechanical where no change will be made to original plans	base fee x 1	
7	((13-)) 14. Single-family earthquake retrofit		
8	a. Permit for work in full compliance with Project Impact Standards/Plans	Base fee x 1	None
9	b. Permit for work in partial compliance with Project Impact Standards/Plans with additional engineering design of those portions not in compliance	Base fee x 1	DPD hourly rate with 1 hour minimum
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11	c. Voluntary seismic upgrades requiring full engineering/design and not per Project Impact Standards/Plans	100% of DFI	100% of DFI
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13	((14-)) 15. Special inspection	Base fee x 1	
14	((15-)) 16. Swimming pools ⁴		
15	a. Unenclosed pools accessory to Group R-3 Occupancy	Base fee x 4	
16	b. Unenclosed pools accessory to occupancies other than Group R-3	Base fee x 6	
17	c. Principal use unenclosed pools	Base fee x 6	
18	d. Future construction of an unenclosed swimming pool	Base fee x 1	
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20	e. Initial approval of standard plan for swimming pool accessory to Group R-3 Occupancy	Base fee x 5	
21	f. Subsequent review of application based on approved swimming pool standard plan	Base fee x 1.5	
22	((16-)) 17. Temporary structures, such as commercial coaches ⁵	Base fee x 2 per structure	
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1	((17.))18, Temporary use permits		
2	a. For 4 weeks or less ⁶	Base fee x 1.5	
3	b. For more than 4 weeks ⁶	Base fee x 2	
4	((18.))19, Phased Permits		
5	a. Value (((<))) ≤ \$5,000,000 in value.	Base fee x 1	
6	b. Value > \$5,000,000 in value.	Base fee x 2	
7	((19.))20, ECA Small Project Waiver on a building permit	None	DPD hourly rate; 0.25 hour minimum
8	((20.))21 Street Improvement Exceptions on a building permit	DPD Land Use Hourly x 2	Land Use Hourly rate for each review hour spent beyond 2 hour minimum fee
9	((21.))22, Building Permit Shop Drawings	None	DPD hourly rate; 1.75 hour minimum
10	((22.))23, Sprinkler Shop Drawings	None	DPD hourly rate; 0.75 hour minimum
11	((23.))24, Sprinkler Only Permit Submittals (New and/or Add/Alt)	Base fee x 0.75	See Section 22.900.G – Fire Department Fees.
12	((24.))25, Code Alternate Request	None	DPD hourly rate, 2 hour minimum

Section 9. Effective January 1, 2011, or on the effective date of this ordinance, if after January 1, 2012, Section 22.900D.145 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 123610, is amended as follows:

22.900D.145 Site and Geotechnical review fee(~~((=))~~)



Table D-SR — SITE AND GEOTECHNICAL REVIEW FEE

Type of Site Review	Minimum Fee	Time at Which Minimum Fee is Due	Review Time Included in Minimum Fee	Time at Which Hourly Fees are Due
1. Pre-application site inspection	¼ hour at the DPD hourly rate	At the time of application intake	¼ hour	At the time of application intake
2. Drainage ((and))or grading review separate from a development permit or as part of a MUP application	1 hour for each type at the DPD hourly rate	At the time of application intake	1 hour each	At the time of permit issuance
3. Review to determine Environmentally Critical Area exemption ¹	½ hour at the DPD hourly rate	At the time of application intake	1/2 hour	At the time of decision
4. Site located in Environmentally Critical Area unless fully exempt from ECA standards	2½ hours at the DPD hourly rate	At the time of application intake	2½ hours	At the time of permit issuance
5. Sites requiring either Geotechnical or Drainage review or both	DPD hourly ¼ hour minimum	At the time of Permit issuance	Not Applicable	At the time of permit issuance
6. Post-Issuance Geotechnical Review for all permits with geotechnical special inspections	1 hour at the DPD hourly rate	At the time of permit issuance	1 hour	At the time of final inspection, issuance of Certificate of Occupancy or permit expiration.

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Section 10. Effective January 1, 2012, or on the effective date of this ordinance, if after January 1, 2012, Section 22.900D.150 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 123453, is amended as follows:



22.900D.150 Electrical permit fees((=))

Table D-15 — ELECTRICAL PERMIT FEES*
(when plans are not required)

1. Administrative Fee

- a. An administrative fee of \$60 will be charged in addition to the other fees specified in this table for all items except item 9.
- b. An administrative fee of \$48 will be charged when work is added to an existing permit and when other information is changed.

2. Services	Size	Fee
a. Services (installation, relocation and temporary installations; size based on conductor ampacity)	1 - 125A	½ x base fee
	126 - 200A	¾ x base fee
	201 - 300A	1 x base fee
	301 - 400A	1.5 x base fee
	401 - 599A	2 x base fee
b. Temporary construction power for single-family residence	Any	½ x base fee

3. Feeders¹

Size	120v-480v	>480v
15-25A	\$14	((Na (see below))) ¼ x base fee
30-50A	\$29	((Na (see below))) ¼ x base fee
((15-50A	Na	¼ x base fee))
60-125A	½ x base fee	½ x base fee
150A & ((above)) less than 400A	¾ x base fee	((Na (see below))) 1 x base fee
((150-400A	Na	1 x base fee))
((450 & above)) 400A	((Na)) plan review required	plan review required

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4. Connections, Devices and Branch Circuits²

Connections	Fee
Light outlet, switches, receptacles, fixtures ³ , residential-type fan	\$1.75 each
Track lighting or multi-outlet assembly	\$1.75 for every 2 feet of track



a. Devices and Branch Circuits

Dimmer (commercial 2,000 watt or over)	\$19 each
Non-electric furnace ⁴	\$14 each
Dedicated appliances & utilization circuits (cord and plug or direct wired)	
(15-25A)	\$14 each
(30-50A)	\$29 each
Range	\$29 each
Water heater (220 volt)	\$29 each
Floodlight ⁵	\$6.40 each
Sign	\$36 each

5. Transformer Installations⁶

	Fee
Up to 300 VA	\$6.40
300 VA to 6 KVA	\$14
7 KVA to 15 KVA	\$43
16 KVA to 45 KVA	½ x base fee
46 KVA to 112.5 KVA	¾ x base fee
> 113 KVA	1 x base fee

6. Motor Installations

	Fee
Up to 1/3 HP	\$6.40
1/3 HP to 3/4 HP	\$14
1 HP to 3 HP	\$21
4 HP to 5 HP	\$27
6 HP to 20 HP	¼ x base fee
21 HP to 50 HP	½ x base fee
≥ 51 HP	¾ x base fee

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7. Electric Furnaces and Heaters

	Fee
Up to 2 KW	\$6.40
2 KW to 5 KW	\$14
6 KW to 15 KW	\$18
16 KW to 30 KW	¼ x base fee



31 KW to 100 KW
 \geq 101 KW

$\frac{1}{2}$ x base fee
 $\frac{3}{4}$ x base fee

8. Low-voltage and Communications Systems

Fee

- a. Low-voltage systems⁷—sound systems, security systems, fire alarms, nurse call, industrial controls and similar Requires separate permit for each system
- Control unit \$11 each
- Device (actuating, horn, alarm, etc.) \$1.75 each
- Control systems (>100 volts) shall be based on the feeder schedule
- b. Communications systems⁸—voice cable, data cable, coaxial cable, fiber optics and similar. The maximum fee is \$420.
- Control unit \$11 each
- Outlet \$1.75 each

9. Special Events

- a. Inspections occurring during normal business hours—Hourly at the DPD hourly rate; minimum $\frac{1}{2}$ hour.
- b. Inspections occurring outside normal business hours—Hourly at the DPD hourly rate; minimum $1\frac{1}{2}$ hour.

10. Inspections for which no other fee is listed, including but not limited to Conditional Work and "Get Started" permits

Each Hourly at the DPD hourly rate; minimum $\frac{1}{2}$ hour

11. Renewal Energy Systems (photovoltaic, wind power generation, etc.)

0 KW to 6 KW $\frac{3}{4}$ x base fee

7 KW to 26 KW 1 x base fee

Over 26 KW Plan review required

((*See Electrical Code for permit exceptions))

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12. Size overcurrent protection for Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations

Select fee for each charger to be installed.	Charging Station	
	Level 2A (120-240 V 1 PHASE) Level 2B (120-208 V 3 PHASE)	Level 3 (277-480 V 3 PHASE)
15 TO 25 AMP CHG STATION	\$14	¼ x base fee
30 TO 50 AMP CHG STATION	\$29	¼ x base fee
60 TO 125 AMP CHG STATION	½ x base fee	½ x base fee
150 TO 225 AMP CHG STATION	¾ x base fee	1 x base fee
250 TO 400 AMP CHG STATION	Requires plan review.	Requires plan review.
OVER 450 AMP CHG STATION	Requires plan review.	Requires plan review.

*See Electrical Code for permit exceptions

Section 11. Effective January 1, 2012, or on the effective date of this ordinance, if after January 1, 2012, Section 22.900D.160 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 123453, is amended as follows:

22.900D.160 Sign, awning and canopy permit fees((-))

Section 12. Effective January 1, 2012, or on the effective date of this ordinance, if after January 1, 2012, Section 22.900E.050 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 123453, is amended as follows:

22.900E.050 Boiler, refrigeration and gas piping licenses and examinations((-))

Fees for boiler, refrigeration and gas piping examination and annual license fees, payable in advance, shall be charged as set in Table E-4.



**Table E-4 — FEES FOR BOILER, REFRIGERATION, AND GAS PIPING
 LICENSES AND EXAMINATIONS**

License fees: ¹	
Refrigeration Contractor	
Class A	\$189
Class B	\$189
Class C	\$302
((Air-conditioning contractor	\$189))
((Refrigeration service shop	\$85))
Journeyman refrigeration mechanic	\$85
((Refrigeration service shop mechanic	\$85))
((Industrial refrigeration engineer	\$85))
Refrigeration operating engineer	\$85
Steam engineers and boiler firemen (all grades)	\$85
Boiler supervisor, all grades	\$94
Gas piping mechanic	\$85
Examination fees – all licenses	\$38

Note to Table E-4:

1. When a license is issued that will expire in less than six months from the date of issuance, the fee is ½ the annual fee.

Section 13. Effective January 1, 2012, or on the effective date of this ordinance, if after January 1, 2012, Section 22.900F of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 123453, is amended as follows:

22.900F.060 Housing and Building Maintenance Code Variance

The fee to conduct research, inspections and review of associated variance decisions requested pursuant to Section 22.206.217 of the Housing and Building Maintenance Code is two times the DPD base fee.



Section 14. Effective January 1, 2012, or on the effective date of this ordinance, if after January 1, 2012, Section 22.900G.020 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 120997, is amended as follows:

22.900G.020 Fees for review by the Seattle Department of Transportation((and the Seattle Public Utility.))

The fees shown in Table G-1 shall be collected by the Department for transfer to the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)((or the Seattle Public Utility)).

Table G-1 — SEATTLE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ((and SEATTLE PUBLIC UTILITY FEES))			
Work for Which Fee is Charged		Amount of Fee	((Department))
((1.))	Building grade sheet	\$430 for 1-3 lots plus \$85 per lot over 3	SPU))
((2.))1.	School Use and School Development Advisory Committee reviews	\$110 per hour	((SDOT))
((3.))2.	Major institution master plans	\$110 per hour	((SDOT))
((4.))	Processing of right-of-way dedications	\$110 per hour	SPU))
((5.))3.	Shoring and excavation review	\$110 per hour	((SDOT))

Note to Table G-1:

1. A separate street use permit must be obtained from SDOT under Title 15 if excavation or shoring will occur in the public right-of-way. This fee is collected for SDOT for shoring projects adjacent to the public right-of-way; it is for the review of utility conflicts, bonding, and temporary use of the right-of-way, and for a deposit to pay for inspections during construction.



1 Section 15. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days from and after its
2 approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after
3 presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

4 Passed by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2011, and
5 signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this
6 ____ day of _____, 2011.

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10 President _____ of the City Council

11 Approved by me this ____ day of _____, 2011.

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15 Michael McGinn, Mayor

16 Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2011.

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20 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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2012 BUDGET LEGISLATION FISCAL NOTE

Department:	Contact Person/Phone:	CBO Analyst/Phone:
Planning & Development (DPD)	Jeff Davis / 684-8071	Joe Regis / 615-0087

Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE related to fees and charges for permits and activities of the Department of Planning and Development; repealing a section of Ordinance 123453; and amending Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 22.900A, Administration and Enforcement; Chapter 22.900B, General Provisions; Chapter 22.900C, Fees for Land Use Review; Chapter 22.900D, Fees for New and Altered Buildings and Equipment; Chapter 22.900E, Fees for Certificates and Registrations; Chapter 22.900F, Compliance and Other Inspections; and Chapter 22.900G, Fees Collected for Other Departments.

Summary of the Legislation:

This legislation revises some of DPD's permitting fees and charges, which were last revised and adopted as part of the 2011-2012 budget process. The proposed fee revisions include corrections and adjustments to certain permit fees and other charges, creation of new fees and charges, the restructuring of certain fees, and the elimination of some fees and charges.

Background:

DPD is primarily fee-supported and its fees and charges are necessary to provide financial support for the operation of DPD's permitting operations. All fees collected by DPD for processing DPD's permits are used for that purpose, and the fee structure is reflective of the Seattle Municipal Code requirements to recoup the cost of providing the permitting service.

The proposed ordinance raises the minimum fee for Design Review projects and Type IV or Type V Council approvals from \$2,500 to \$5,000. This change represents a shift in *when* fees are taken in, to ensure that DPD receives enough fees at intake to cover the cost of performing the initial reviews on certain projects, but will not raise the overall fees for these permit applications. This fee change will affect approximately 10-12% of all land use permit applications, for only the most complex permit applications. Examples of these projects include applications for full Design Review, Rezones and Council Conditional uses. Streamlined design review will not be affected by this change.

Attachment A to this Fiscal Note "DPD Permit Fee and Charges Changes from 2011 Adopted Budget to 2012 Proposed" provides a summary of 2011 DPD fees affected by this proposed ordinance, and the proposed changes for 2012. These fees have been reviewed to determine whether the cost of providing the service warrants a fee change, if improvements to the fee structure are necessary, or if new fees are required.



X This legislation has financial implications.

Summary of Changes to Revenue Generated Specifically from this Legislation:

	Revenue Source	2012 Proposed
Planning and Development Fund (15700)	Building Development Fees	\$17,700
Planning and Development Fund (15700)	Land Use Fees	\$75,000
Planning and Development Fund (15700)	Other Fees and Charges	\$13,650
Total Fees and Charges Resulting From Passage of This Ordinance		\$106,350

(If new revenue is for a partial year, provide estimate for full year in the notes section below.)

Revenue Change Notes: None.

Anticipated Total Revenue from Entire Program, Including Changes Resulting from this Legislation:

Fund Name and Number	Revenue Source	Total 2012 Revenue
Planning and Development Fund (15700)	Building Development Fees	\$18,723,066
Planning and Development Fund (15700)	Electrical Fees	4,563,605
Planning and Development Fund (15700)	Land Use Fees	4,036,705
Planning and Development Fund (15700)	Site Review & Development Fees	1,529,766
Planning and Development Fund (15700)	Boiler Fees	1,203,809
Planning and Development Fund (15700)	Other Fees and Charges	1,328,211
TOTAL		\$31,385,162

Total Revenue Notes: None.



Other Implications:

- a) Does the legislation have indirect financial implications, or long-term implications? No.
- b) What is the financial cost of not implementing this legislation?
This legislation, in addition to making a number of technical changes, does address areas where the revenues DPD collects through fees do not align with the cost of providing services. Not implementing this legislation as proposed would continue situations where costs incurred are not supported by adequate revenue. It is possible that this would result in reductions to services or programs in the future.
- c) Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?
No significant impacts to other departments are expected.
- d) What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives?
With respect to increasing certain fees, the City could contemplate reducing the level of service provided to its customers or could contemplate supplementing DPD's budget with General Subfund resources to offset its increased costs.
- e) Is the legislation subject to public hearing requirements? No.
- f) Other Issues: None.

Please list attachments to the fiscal note below:

Attachment A: DPD Permit Fee and Charges Changes from 2011 Adopted Budget to 2012 Proposed

Attachment B: DPD Electrical Feeders Proposed Changes from 2011 Adopted Budget to 2012 Proposed





DPD Permit Fee and Charges Changes from 2011 Adopted Budget to 2012 Proposed

The table below identifies all proposed fees included in the DPD Fee Ordinance that are proposed to be changed from current 2011 levels, including new fees.

Fee Type	Page #	Description	Last Modified*	Current 2011 Fee	Proposed 2012 Fee	Comments
22.900A.030						
Payment and responsibilities for fees	3	Fees and charges related to certificates and licenses.	2005	--	--	Clarification of responsibility for fees and charges not tied to permit issuance.
22.900A.040 and 22.900G.070						
Parks Plan Review	4	New fee to recover Parks Department's staffing costs for plan review.	New	n/a	\$128/hour	Parks Department is including this proposed fee in their 2012 fee ordinance.
22.900B.020.E - Table B-1						
Electronic Records	5	Fees for copies from electronic plans	New	n/a	8½" x 11" - \$0.50 per printed page 8½" x 14" - \$0.50 per printed page 11" x 17" - \$0.50 per printed page	Charges for printed copies of electronic plans and records.
Diazo	5	Charges for plans reproduced onto Diazo from the microfilm library	2008	\$5 per diazo	n/a	This fee is eliminated (no longer have the capability to make a copy onto a diazo).

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Fee Type	Page #	Description	Last Modified*	Current 2011 Fee	Proposed 2012 Fee	Comments
22.900C.010 – Table C-1						
Design Review and Type IV and V Discretionary Land Use decisions needing Council approval.	6 & 7	Minimum fee is raised for complex projects to cover the cost of initial reviews for Design Review project (except Administrative Design Review or Streamlined Design Review) and all Type IV and Type V site-specific Council approvals such as, but not limited to, Rezones, Council Conditional Uses, Major Institutions Master Plans, Public Project approvals, etc. Fee description in Table C-1 #13 is consolidated into #10.	May 2005 -for Item 2 Jan. 2001 -for Items 10 and 13	Land Use Hourly x 10	Land Use Hourly x 20	Adjusted for Design Review Type IV and Type V land use approvals only; a higher minimum fee is required to cover the greater initial review hours for these project types.
Council concept approvals, Planned residential community development, etc., approvals.	7	Fees for non-standard Type II land use approvals	2011	Land Use Hourly x 10	Land Use Hourly x 10	Clarified language for fee description in Table C-1 #9 to distinguish from land use approvals described in Table C-1 #10.
Major Institution Deposit	7	Deposit required for Major Institution Master Plan review	2001	40 hour deposit	n/a	This deposit against hourly fees is no longer needed due to the implementation of monthly land use billings.
Pre-application Conference	8	NSF fee, in addition to remainder of fees due and any delinquent fees assessed	Jan. 2011	Land Use Hourly x 1	Land Use Hourly x 2	Adjusted to include the first hour of research and follow-up review time that normally occurs.
22.900D.010 – Table D-2						
Mechanical, Part of Building Permit Application	11	Plan Review Fee – clarified to refer to “mechanical review”	Jan. 2011	DPD hourly rate, 1 hour minimum	no change	No change to fees, but added clarification of applicability of fees.



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Fee Type	Page #	Description	Last Modified	Current 2011 Fee	Proposed 2012 Fee	Comments
Mechanical, Separate from Building Permit Application or Mechanical Only	11	Plan Review Fee – clarified to refer to “all applicable fees”	Jan. 2011	DPD hourly rate, 1 hour minimum	no change	No change to fees, but added clarification of applicability of fees.
Blanket Permit Review Fees for Earlier Alterations	11	Permit Fee	Jan. 2011	\$2.20 per 100 sq. ft.	no change	No change to fees, but replaced reference to issuance of first “tenant permit” with “certificate of occupancy” for clarification and consistency with code.
		Plan Review Fee	Jan. 2011	\$2.55 per 100 sq. ft.	no change	
Blanket Permit Review Fees for Later Alterations	11	Permit Fee	Jan. 2011	100% of DFI	no change	No change to fees, but replaced reference to issuance of first “tenant permit and other tenant alterations” with “certificate of occupancy” for clarification and consistency with code.
		Plan Review Fee	Jan. 2011	60% of DFI	no change	
Nonblanket Permit Initial Tenant Improvements to Shell and Core	11	Permit Fee	Jan. 2011	50% of DFT based on new building value of shell and core	no change	No change to fees, but replaced reference to issuance of first “tenant permit” with “certificate of occupancy” for clarification and consistency with code.
		Plan Review Fee	Jan. 2011	50% of DFT based on new building value of shell and core	no change	
Building review associated with platting actions and/or LBAs	12	Plan Review Fee	New	n/a	DPD hourly rate	A new fee is proposed to cover costs of providing service.
Noise Survey Reviews	12	Plan Review Fee	Jan. 2011	DPD hourly rate, 30-minute minimum - as referenced in Table D-2; but DPD hourly, 1 hour minimum is what is specified in Table F-2	DPD hourly rate, 1 hour minimum	Correction to Table D-2; 1-hour minimum is what is established in Table F-2, where primary authority for this fee resides.

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Fee Type	Page #	Description	Last Modified*	Current 2011 Fee	Proposed 2012 Fee	Comments
Phased Permits, Value less than or equal to \$5,000,000	14	Plan Review Fee	2007	Base Fee x 1	No change	No change to fee, but clarification that fee applies to phase permits less than or equal to \$5 million.
22.900D.145 – Table D-SR						
Drainage or grading site review	15	Minimum Fee	2005	1 hour at the DPD hourly rate	1 hour for each review location at the DPD hourly rate	No change to fees, but clarification that it applies to drainage or grading review separate from a development permit or as part of a MUP application; plus additional clarification that fees apply per review location.
		Review time Included in the minimum fee	2005	1 hour	1 hour each	
22.900D.150 – Table D-15						
Feeders – please see Attachment B	16	Electrical permit fees for Feeders.	Jan. 2011	Various	No change	Fee table is simplified and corrected to reflect actual equipment in use. Please see Attachment B.
22.900E.050 – Table E-4						
Air conditioning contractor license	20	Fees for licenses and examinations	Jan. 2011	\$189	n/a	License is being phased out, fee is eliminated.
Refrigeration service shop license	20	Fees for licenses and examinations	Jan. 2011	\$85	n/a	License is being phased out, fee is eliminated.
Refrigeration service shop mechanic license	20	Fees for licenses and examinations	Jan. 2011	\$85	n/a	License is being phased out, fee is eliminated.
Industrial refrigeration license	20	Fees for licenses and examinations	Jan. 2011	\$85	n/a	License is being phased out, fee is eliminated.



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Fee Type	Page #	Description	Last Modified*	Current 2011 Fee	Proposed 2012 Fee	Comments
22.900F.060						
Housing and Building Maintenance Code Variance Decisions	20	Fees for research, inspections and reviews associated with HBMC variance decisions	New	n/a	DPD hourly x 2	New fee proposed to cover costs of providing service.
22.900G.020 - Table G-1						
Building grade sheet	21	Fees for review by SDOT	2003	\$430 for 1-3 lots plus \$85 per lot over 3	n/a	No longer in use, fee is eliminated.
Processing of right of way dedications	21	Fees for review by SPU	2003	\$110 per hour	n/a	No longer in use, fee is eliminated.

*Date last modified is effective date of change.

DPD Electrical Feeders Proposed Changes from 2011 Adopted Budget to 2012 Proposed

SMC 22.900D.150 – Table D-15, Row 3 – Table Simplification

2011 Current:

3. Feeders¹			
Size	120v-480v	>480v	
15-25A	\$14	Na (see below)	
30-50A	\$29	Na (see below)	
15-50A	Na	¼ x base fee	
60-125A	½ x base fee	½ x base fee	
150A & above	¾ x base fee	Na (see below)	
150-400A	Na	1 x base fee	
450 & above	Na	plan review required	

2012 Proposed:

3. Feeders¹			
Size	120v-480v	>480v	
15-25A	\$14	¼ x base fee	
30-50A	\$29	¼ x base fee	
60-125A	½ x base fee	½ x base fee	
150A & less than 400A	¾ x base fee	1 x base fee	
400A	Plan review required	plan review required	

Track Changes:

3. Feeders¹			
Size	120v-480v	>480v	
15-25A	\$14	((Na-(see below)))¼ x base fee	
30-50A	\$29	((Na-(see below)))¼ x base fee	
((15-50A	Na	¼ x base fee))	
60-125A	½ x base fee	½ x base fee	
150A & ((above))less than 400A	¾ x base fee	((Na-(see below)))1 x base fee	
((150-400A	Na	1 x base fee))	
((450 & above))400A	((Na))plan review required	plan review required	

