

**Seattle Public Utilities plans to update charges
for development services
on October 1, 2018**

Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) sets separate charges for development-related services the utility performs for individuals. Examples of these services include new water services (taps) installation and connection fee, water main extension inspection and connection to system, and fire hydrant reset or relocation.

As part of SPU’s revised Strategic Business Plan approved by City Council last year, the utility was directed to update its installation charge for new water services (taps) to ensure SPU recovered the actual costs to provide these services. The utility was also directed to update the connection fee for new water services (taps).

To increase predictability, fairness and transparency to customers, SPU also plans to update other charges for development-related services to full cost recovery. Updating these charges will ensure ratepayers are not subsidizing these development-related services.

A new director’s rule is expected to be drafted by the end of July 2018 and a notice soliciting public comment will be published in the Daily Journal of Commerce on August 1, 2018. The public comment period will end on Friday, August 24, 2018. If adopted, the updated charges will go into effect on October 1, 2018.

A complete list of the current charges and the proposed 2018 updated charges is available at www.seattle.gov/util/Engineering/DevelopmentServicesOffice.

The development-related charges to be updated on **October 1, 2018** are listed in the table below.

New Water Services (taps)
Installation
Connection fee
Drainage / Wastewater Core Taps
Tap
Inspection
Water Main Extensions
Project administration and design review/approval
Construction management
Water quality sampling/testing
Connection to system
Hydrant Services
Adjust
Reset
New install
Relocate

A comparison of the current and proposed charges for a 3/4” new water service (tap) is shown on the other side of this document.

There are several ways to learn more about the proposed 2018 charge updates:

- Visit www.seattle.gov/util/Engineering/DevelopmentServicesOffice for the charge list and frequently asked questions.
- Contact Julie Vorhes, Separate Charges Project Manager, at Julie.Vorhes@seattle.gov.

Updated Charges for New Water Services

The table below compares SPU's current charges and the proposed 2018 updated charges for the installation of a 3/4-inch new water service (tap) and the connection fee. The table also includes the permit charges to better illustrate the other applicable charges for a 3/4-inch new water service. The tap cost shown in the table is only an example since it does not include the costs for street restoration or other potential project specific charges.

EXAMPLE

3/4-inch New Water Service (tap)

(installation in City of Seattle)

	Non Arterial		Arterial	
	Current Charge	2018 Charge	Current Charge	2018 Charge
SPU Charges				
Installation	\$2,558	\$4,000	\$3,027	\$5,325
Connection fee	\$1,063	\$1,700	\$1,063	\$1,700
Total SPU Charges	\$3,621	\$5,700	\$4,090	\$7,025
SDOT Permit Charges¹				
Street use permit	\$146	\$313	\$146	\$313
Arterial street use fee	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150
Street inspection fee	\$172	\$260	\$172	\$260
Traffic control plan review	\$0	\$0	\$172	\$260
Total SDOT Permit Charges	\$318	\$573	\$490	\$983
TOTAL TAP COST²	\$3,939	\$6,273	\$4,580	\$8,008

¹ Permit charges are paid to SPU and then sent to the Seattle Department of Transportation.

² The total tap cost does not include street restoration costs or project specific charges.