Fee Changes for 2018

Fee changes for the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) went into effect on January 1, 2019.

Most fees increased by approximately 3%. Our Base Hourly fee increased from $216 to $222 an hour. The Land Use Hourly fee increased from $315 to $386 an hour. Electrical permit fees will not be increased for 2019.

Additional changes were made to fees related to the minimum building permit fee and to the rates for projects with valuations over $1 million in the Development Fee Index (Table D-1). Table D-1 had been not changed from 2003 until 2017, when a series of changes began to reflect the cost of business. Changes were also made to the Building Valuation Data (BVD) table to better reflect the cost of building in Seattle.

Finally, the Rental Registration Inspection Ordinance (RRIO) modified the fee structure to better align fees with the work performed, creating a more equitable fee structure, and a change in the registration cycle from a 5-year cycle to a 2-year cycle. Under these changes, 21,000 single-family rental homes of the 30,000 total properties currently registered will not incur registration fee increases.

Resources

The new Director’s Rule, Building Valuation Table and other fee-related information are available to the public at www.seattle.gov/sdci/permits/how-much-will-your-permit-cost.

Printed copies are available at:
Public Resource Center
20th floor, Seattle Municipal Tower
700 5th Ave.
(206) 684-8467

Hours:
M/W/F: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tu/Th: 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
## 2018/2019 Fee Comparison

### Fee Examples

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<tr>
<th>NEW CONSTRUCTION</th>
<th>2018</th>
<th>2019</th>
<th>CHANGE</th>
<th>% CHANGE</th>
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<td>Single Family (R-3)</td>
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## Questions about Fees?

- **Land Use Permits**
  (206) 684-8467

- **Fire Review and Inspection**
  (206) 386-1447 or (206) 386-1451

Send us your question online at: [www.seattle.gov/sdci/resources/send-us-a-question](http://www.seattle.gov/sdci/resources/send-us-a-question)

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