



City of Seattle Notice of Proposed Rule Change

Under authority of Seattle Municipal Codes 22.800-22.808, 21.16, 21.04, 23.76.022.C, and 3.32.020, Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) proposes to revise Director’s Rule ENG-430.1, Utility Main Extension Dispute Process and to retitle it as “Utility System Improvement Dispute Process.” We request public review and comment.

SPU establishes utility system improvements during building and land-use permitting. System improvements apply to water, drainage and wastewater infrastructure, which include the public sanitary sewer, public combined sewer, and public storm drain systems.

Adopted on July 30, 2015, ENG-430.1 specifies the procedure for builders and developers who intend to dispute utility system improvements required by SPU. The full text of the rule currently in effect can be found at:

www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/SPU/Documents/ENG4301UtilityMainExtensionDisputeFinal.pdf

In addition to the change in the title and applying the term “utility system improvement” throughout the draft, proposed amendments to the rule include:

- Renaming of the Department of Planning and Development to the Department of Construction and Inspections.
- Adding Utility Major Permits (UMP), issued by the Seattle Department of Transportation, as a requirement of utility main extensions.
- Clarifying and setting new procedure on determination reviews at the manager and division director levels.
- Stating the criteria for requesting a determination review, legal standing of applicants in disputes, the permitted period for determination requests, and online submission of disputes.

The full text of the proposed revisions can be found at

www.seattle.gov/utilities/documents/rules-and-policies

Please send your comments in writing to

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Deadline for comments: April 6, 2020