

Attachment A. Other Utilities' Local Developer Charges and Funding Requirements Information

The table below summarizes information about other utilities' local system development charges (SDCs) and related issues. The table excludes information on regional SDCs, such as Cascade Water Alliance's water connection charge and King County's sewer capacity charge.

Some common themes include:

- All utilities charge SDCs and require mainline extensions.
- Some utilities calculate their SDCs based on existing system costs while others include future growth costs.
- All utilities, except Bellevue, charge their fees up front.
- SDC revenue for most utilities goes to general CIP (debt service, cash contributions, general projects), regardless of the calculation method.
- No utility implements municipal latecomer agreements; Bellevue's Direct Facilities Charge is similar to municipal latecomer agreements.

City	SDCs in Place and Calculation Method	Use of Revenue	Mainline Requirement?	Latecomer Agreements	Other Information
Seattle	Water connection charge only, paid up front; cost basis is existing system costs.	\$ goes towards cash contribution of the Water CIP.	Yes; water SDC is waived if water main extension is required.	Utility latecomers offered (only 1 in place to date but several pending).	
Bellevue	Water, sewer, drainage charges paid on bimonthly bills; cost basis is existing system costs.	\$ goes to Capital Facilities Renewal & Replacement (R&R) Account and used for system renewal and replacement.	Yes	Utility latecomers offered and Direct Facilities Charge in which Bellevue fronts the costs of infrastructure and recovers from future development.	Bellevue has a funding gap from their Direct Facilities Charge because development didn't occur as anticipated.
Bellingham	Water, sewer, drainage charges paid up front; cost basis is future system costs.	\$ goes to the general CIP.	Yes	Utility latecomers offered. Used to offer what they called City Latecomers, but haven't offered them for years.	
Everett	Water and sewer charges paid up front; cost basis is existing system costs (but they are exploring a change to future system costs).	\$ goes to the general CIP.	Yes	Utility latecomers offered.	Charge based on type of business, not service size. This will soon be changing.
Kirkland	Water, sewer, drainage charges paid up front; cost basis is future system costs.	\$ goes to the general CIP.	Yes	Utility latecomers offered.	
Portland Sewer	Sewer and drainage charges paid up front; cost basis is existing system costs.	\$ goes to pay debt service (reimburse themselves for prior debt).	Yes; Portland reimburses developer for portion of mainline extension that isn't their frontage (this occurs infrequently).	Portland reimburses developer for portion of mainline extension that isn't their frontage (this occurs infrequently).	Oregon law requires them to decide between using SDC revenue for reimbursement or improvement. They chose reimbursement. If they chose improvement, they would have been able to include future growth costs in calculation.
Redmond	Water, sewer, drainage charges paid up front; cost basis is future system costs.	\$ goes to Construction Fund for the respective LOBs.	Yes; Redmond offers a credit on SDCs to developers who are required to install and donate assets.	Utility latecomers offered.	
Tacoma	Water SDC only, paid up front; cost basis is future system costs.	\$ pays for growth-related assets.	Yes	None.	Water SDC has not changed since 2004. SDC for a multiple family is calculated by taking the number of units in the premise and multiplying by 60% of the SDC for a single-family dwelling (5/8" meter).
Vancouver, WA	Water and sewer charges paid up front; cost basis is future system costs.	\$ goes to growth related projects and debt service of growth related projects.	Yes	Utility latecomers offered.	