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CHAPTER 22.900A — ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

22.900A.010 Title

Chapters 22.900A through 22.900H shall be known as the “Fee Subtitle,” may be cited as such, and will be referred to herein as “this subtitle.”

22.900A.020 Purpose

A. It is the purpose of this subtitle to prescribe equitable fees and fee collection policies for all services provided by the Department of Planning and Development hereafter, "Department" or “DPD,” and other City departments that are sufficient to cover their costs of processing applications, inspecting and reviewing plans, and preparing detailed statements required by Chapter 43.21C RCW.

B. An additional purpose of this subtitle is to prescribe special fees for testing, examination, registration, inspection, or the furnishing of certain services or materials.

C. A further purpose of this subtitle is to prescribe fees to cover the costs of implementing and administering the Rental Registration and Inspection Ordinance program as required by Chapter 22.214.

22.900A.030 Payment and responsibility for fees

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

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

C. Both the applicant for the permit, certificate, license, or fee associated with the Rental Registration and Inspection Ordinance program, and the owner of the subject property, are jointly and severally responsible for payment of fees required by this subtitle. However, when an applicant is not the owner and is not acting, even in part, as agent for the owner, the applicant is solely responsible for payment of applicable fees. Applicants and owners are liable for all charges incurred whether or not a favorable decision or recommendation is given by the Director, and regardless of whether a permit is issued, or the project or application is canceled or denied before permit issuance, or a certificate or license is not issued.

D. The Director is authorized to accept as payment for fees contemplated under the ordinance codified in this subtitle the following forms of payment: U.S. currency, cashier’s checks, corporate checks, traveler’s checks, personal checks drawn on in-state banks, electronic funds transfers, and credit cards. Further, the Director has full authority to refuse any form of payment where the Director believes sufficient cause exists to question the City’s ability to collect full payment.

E. Rental housing registrations, rental housing registration renewals, rental housing registration reinstatements, private qualified rental housing inspector registrations, or private qualified rental housing inspector renewal registrations shall not be issued until the corresponding fees prescribed by this subtitle have been paid. The Department shall not perform rental housing unit inspections as a qualified rental housing inspector until the corresponding fees prescribed by this Subtitle have been paid.

22.900A.040 Administration and enforcement

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

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

   1. The Director of Public Health shall administer, interpret and enforce sections of this subtitle that are applicable to fuel gas piping permits;

   2. The Director of Transportation shall administer, interpret and enforce sections of this subtitle that are applicable to Seattle Transportation review of projects;

   3. The Director of Seattle Public Utilities shall administer, interpret and enforce sections of this subtitle that are applicable to Seattle Public Utilities review of projects;

   4. The Chief of the Fire Department shall administer, interpret and enforce sections of this subtitle that are applicable to the Seattle Fire Department review of projects;

   5. The Director of the Department of Neighborhoods shall administer, interpret and enforce sections of this subtitle that are applicable to Department of Neighborhoods review of projects;

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

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

   8. The Director of the Office of Housing shall administer, interpret and enforce sections of this subtitle that are applicable to Office of Housing review of projects.

C. The Director is authorized to collect fees listed in subsection 22.900A.040.B or other fee related legislation for the Seattle Department of Transportation, the Seattle Fire Department, Public Health – Seattle & King County, the Department of Neighborhoods, the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs, the Office of Housing, or Seattle Public Utilities, and to transfer those funds to them.

D. Where no definite method is prescribed in the subtitle for calculating the amount of fees, the Director may assess charges as required to cover costs.

E. The Director has full authority to specify the terms and conditions upon which services and materials are made available, and the fees as determined by the Director shall be consistent with the reasonable estimated cost to the City for furnishing such services or materials.

F. The total fee assessed for any permit, decision, review, inspection, or approval may be rounded to the nearest whole dollar (rounded down: $.01 through $.50; rounded up: $.51 through $.99).

22.900A.050 Transition

A. Land Use and Environmentally Critical Areas Fees.

   Minimum land use review fees for applications requiring a land use or environmentally critical areas review shall be charged according to the permit fee legislation in effect when the

application was received by the Department. Hourly fees shall be charged according to the legislation in effect when the review is performed.

B. Other Fees.

Fees for other applications shall be set according to the Fee Subtitle in effect at the time the review is performed unless one of the following occurs:

1. The permit is issued within 12 months of the start of the initial review; or
2. If longer than 12 months, the Director determines that there was reasonable and continuous progress on the completion of permit requirements.

If either Item 1 or 2 occurs, the application shall be subject to the Fee Subtitle in effect at the time the application was received by the Department.

22.900A.060 Delinquent fees

A. Delinquent Fees.

Whenever any fees have not been paid within 30 days after the billing date, the person or persons responsible for payment of the fee may be billed, payable immediately, for the remainder of the fees due. Interest shall accrue on the unpaid balance at 12 percent per annum, with a minimum $1 charge. The Director is authorized to collect any fees that remain unpaid at 90 days after the billing date.

B. Not Sufficient Funds Fees.

Whenever checks accepted prove not to be covered by sufficient funds, the person or persons responsible for payment of the fee shall be billed, payable immediately, for the remainder of the fees due and a $21 charge. This shall be in addition to the delinquent fees assessed in Section 22.900A.060.A.

C. Remedies.

1. The Director may issue a stop-work order as provided in Section 22.900A.070 if the person or persons responsible for payment of a fee have not done so within 30 days after the billing.
2. Following notice to the applicant, the Director may suspend processing and/or withhold issuance of a permit, decision, certificate or approval on any application if fees have not been fully paid until such time as the fees are paid.
3. Following notice to the applicant, the Director may cancel a permit application if fees have not been fully paid.
4. Following notice to the applicant, the Director may refer collection of any amounts due under this Subtitle to a collection agency. The cost to the Department for the collection services will be assessed as costs, at the rate agreed to between the Department and the collection agency, and added to the penalty.
5. Following notice to the applicant, the Director may take other actions to collect amounts due, including by not limited to placing delinquent accounts on a cash-only basis.

D. Only subsection 22.900A.060.B of this Section 22.900A.060 shall apply to the Rental Registration and Inspection Ordinance program in Chapter 22.900H.

22.900A.070 Work done without permit—Director's authority

A. It is unlawful to proceed with any work or with any portion of any construction, installation, alteration or repair when the fee required in this subtitle has not been paid.

B. Should it be found that any work is proceeding for which the required permit or approval fee has not been paid, the Director may immediately order the suspension of such construction, installation, alteration or repair by posting a stop-work order on the structure or premises and/or by notifying the owner, lessee or person in charge. It is unlawful for any person to remove, mutilate, conceal or destroy posted lawful notice or to proceed with work after posting or notification until written authorization from the Director to proceed with the work has been received.

22.900A.080 Civil penalty for violations

A. Any person failing to comply with the provisions of this subtitle shall be subject to a civil penalty in the amount of $27 per day for each failure to comply, from the date of failure to comply until compliance is achieved.

B. The penalty imposed by this subtitle shall be collected by civil action brought in the name of the City and commenced in Municipal Court. The Director shall notify the City Attorney in writing of the name of any person subject to the penalty and the amount of the penalty and the City Attorney shall, with the assistance of the Director, take appropriate action to collect the penalty.

C. This Section 22.900A.080 shall not apply to the Rental Registration and Inspection Ordinance program in Chapter 22.900H.

CHAPTER 22.900B — GENERAL PROVISIONS

22.900B.010 Base fee and hourly rate

A. The DPD base fee shall be charged as specified in this subtitle and shall be $181.

B. Any services provided by the Department for which an hourly charge is assessed shall be charged at a rate specified in this subtitle.

   The hourly rate for land use review is $250. The rate for all other hourly fees is $181 an hour except where a different hourly rate is specified in this subtitle. Where "DPD hourly rate" is specified in this subtitle, the rate is $181 an hour.

C. Where an hourly rate is specified, overtime shall be charged at that same rate. Where no hourly rate is specified, overtime shall be charged at $181 an hour. All overtime shall require approval by the Director. The minimum fee for each overtime request shall be one hour, with minimum increments of 1/4 hour, in addition to other permit fees established by this subtitle.

22.900B.020 Miscellaneous and special fees

A. General. Miscellaneous and special fees shall be assessed to recover City costs for services and materials which are not otherwise specified in this subtitle or where the valuation or other methodology normally used does not reflect actual conditions which may include but are not limited to the following:

   1. Notification, examination, consultation, testing, or inspection of proposals, sites (or locations), particular plans, construction, equipment, personnel or material which may be related to, but not directly covered by, a specific permit or approval process;
   2. Furnishing or certification of affidavits, reports, data, or similar documentation;
   3. Recording or filing documents with other agencies;
   4. Delivery and mailing costs;
   5. Rental of venues for public meetings.

B. Failure to cancel missed appointments. A fee of 1/2 the DPD base fee per appointment shall be charged for failure by applicant to notify the Department at least 24 hours prior to a scheduled application intake appointment or a pre-application conference appointment that the appointment will not be kept.

C. Expert witness testimony. The fee for expert witness testimony shall be the DPD hourly rate.

D. Address change. The fee to correct the address on an application or, if applicable, on an issued permit is $49. If an address change is requested that is unrelated to an application for a permit or for an issued permit, a fee of one times the base fee shall be assessed.

E. Copies of electronic and microfilm records. Charges for plans reproduced from electronic records or from the microfilm library are shown in Table B-1 for Section 22.900B.020.

Table B-1 for 22.900B.020— Fees for Reproductions from Electronic or Microfilm Records	
Page Size	**Price**
Electronic Records	
8½" X 11"	$0.50 per printed page
8½" X 14"	$0.50 per printed page
11" X 17"	$0.50 per printed page
Microfilm Records	
8½" X 11"	$1.25 per copied page
11" X 17"	$1.25 per copied page

F. Special investigation

1. Where a special investigation is made for an action requiring Department approval, a fee in addition to the permit fee shall be assessed as provided in Table B-2 for 22.900B.020.

Table B-2 for 22.900B.020— Special Investigation Fees	
Value of Work (For Permit)	**Investigation Fee**
$0 – $5,000	1 x base fee
$5,001 – $50,000	3 x base fee
$50,001 – $100,000	5 x base fee
$100,001 – $500,000	10 x base fee
$500,001 – $5,000,000	50 x base fee
Over $5,000,000	100% of permit fee

2. When a permit fee is not determined by valuation, the special investigation fee will be two times the amount of the permit fee.
3. Alternatively, at the discretion of the Director, the special investigation fee may be assessed at the DPD hourly rate. Special investigation fees may be waived, at the discretion of the Director, for necessary work done in emergency situations.
4. The payment of a special investigation fee shall not relieve any person from complying with the requirements of the applicable codes in the execution of the work nor from any violation penalties prescribed by law.
5. The special investigation fee for a use not established by a permit under the current or previous Land Use Code shall be assessed at the DPD hourly rate.
6. Special investigation fees are not refundable.

G. Reinspection. The fee for reinspection is 1/2 times the base fee per reinspection. No reinspection of the work shall be performed until the required fees have been paid; provided, that in the case of boilers and refrigeration systems, the permit holder may be billed for the reinspection fee. Reinspections of fuel-gas piping shall be charged according to Section 22.900G.030.

22.900B.030 Time of collection of fees

A. Fees shall be collected at the times specified elsewhere in this code. If not specified, the minimum fee shall be collected at the time of application. The Director may bill an applicant and require payment for accrued fees at any time in the permit review process.

B. The fee collected at the time of application will be based on Department estimates of the total fees due at the time of permit issuance. The final fees will be recalculated during review, and any additional amount due shall be collected prior to the issuance of the permit, approval, denial, decision or recommendation, except as provided in Section 22.900A.030.A. Any fee in excess of the final calculated fee shall be refunded pursuant to Section 22.900B.050 and/or other sections of this code.

C. At the time an application or permit is denied or canceled, the final fee shall be determined and collected. If a balance is due to the Department, the Director shall have the authority to waive fees when strict application of the fees is inconsistent with the purpose of collecting the fee.

22.900B.040 Reserved

22.900B.050 Refunds

Applicants may apply for refunds of fees collected pursuant to the Fee Schedule when an application or permit is withdrawn or canceled prior to the completion of the review and inspection process. To request a refund, the applicant shall submit a request to the Director on a refund request form. The Director shall establish by Director's Rule reasonable procedures and standards for refund requests, including but not limited to limitations on the time for submitting refund requests and the amount of the refund, considering among other factors, on the stage of permit review and type of permit.

22.900B.060 Revisions and additions to applications

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

B. The Director may assess a fee in addition to fees already charged for the original permit if the applicant makes an amendment to an existing unexpired or reestablished permit. The applicable fees will be assessed for all work necessary to process the amendment, including review by the Seattle Department of Transportation, the Seattle Fire Department, Public Health – Seattle & King County, the Department of Neighborhoods, the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs, the Office of Housing, or Seattle Public Utilities associated with the submitted amendment.

CHAPTER 22.900C — FEES FOR LAND USE REVIEW

22.900C.010 Land use fees

A. Land Use Review Fees. The land use review fee for Master Use Permits, Council and Hearing Examiner approvals, environmentally critical area reviews and other miscellaneous reviews, research and services shall be charged according to Table C-1 for 22.900C.010 unless otherwise specified. For any review, research or service that is not listed in Table C-1 for 22.900C.010, the minimum fees will be determined by the Director based on the estimated complexity of work, but in no case shall be less than 0.5 hours times the current Land Use hourly rate and in no case more than 10 hours times the current Land Use hourly rate. Additional hours worked that exceed the number covered by the minimum fee shall be charged at the current Land Use hourly rate and are required to be paid at the time of invoicing and/or prior to approval of permits. Land use review that is subject to the Land Use hourly rate may include, but is not limited to: review time for more than one technical reviewer, pre-application services, project review, permit issuance, and continued review during the building permit and construction approval phases of the project. Land Use hourly rate also includes time spent preparing for and defending a Director's decision or recommendation if appealed to the Hearing Examiner.

B. Fee Components of Land Use Review Fees. Land use review fees include a minimum land use review fee and may include an hourly fee as specified in Table C-1 for 22.900C.010. The minimum land use review fee covers the number of review hours specified in Table C-1 for 22.900C.010. Only one minimum review fee shall be charged, except an additional minimum review fee shall be charged at the time of MUP applications for projects that have completed the early design process. Additional hours shall be charged at the rate specified in the table.

C. Time of payment

1. Pre-application Conference Fee. The fee for land use pre-application conference specified in Table C-1 for 22.900C.010 shall be paid prior to the conference.

2. Minimum Land Use Review Fee. The minimum land use review fee specified in Table C-1 for 22.900C.010 shall be paid at application submittal. For projects entailing hourly fees in addition to the minimum land use review fee, the Director <u>will</u> require periodic progress payments to be made during the application review process.

3. The following fees and amounts are due at the times specified below:

   a. Monthly billing for hourly fees accrued above the minimum fee will be payable upon receipt of invoice.

   b. All outstanding DPD fees shall be paid prior to the publication of a decision or recommendation on the application and prior to issuance of the permit. The actual charges and fees paid shall be reconciled and all outstanding balances are due and payable on demand. In cases where no published decision or recommendation is required, fees owed shall be paid prior to issuance of the permit, or issuance of a letter.

   c. For Council and Hearing Examiner approvals, the fee due for work up to and through final Council or Hearing Examiner action shall be paid at the time the recommendation of the Director is available for public review and before it is forwarded for final action. In addition to periodic monthly billings for actual charges during the Council or Hearing Examiner proceedings, after final Council or Hearing Examiner action, the actual charges

and all outstanding fee balances are due and payable upon demand, and prior to issuance of the permit.

d. For early design guidance projects entailing hourly fees in addition to the minimum land use review fee, all outstanding fees shall be paid upon application for the master use permit. Any hours paid by the early design guidance minimum land use review fee but not spent at the time of application for the master use permit shall be credited toward land use review of the master use permit application.

D. Additional Review. In addition to the fees set in Table C-1 for 22.900C.010, review time required on a project prior to, or in lieu of, an application will be charged hourly as determined by the Director.

E. Correction Fee. After written notice to the applicant, a Correction Fee of $328 may be charged for each additional correction cycle required due to lack of response from the applicant.

F. Fees for all environmentally critical areas reviews apply to environmentally critical areas inside or outside the Shoreline District.

(Table C-1 for 22.900C.010 – Land Use Fees begins on next page)

Table C-1 for 22.900C.010 — 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 an hour. This exception applies if the application is for an ACU only, or an ACU combined with a variance application.	
2.	Design Review The minimum fee for Administrative Design Review, Master Planned Community 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 22.900C.010 for fees related to Design Review for Tree Protection.	
3.	Environmental reviews (SEPA), 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 d. Environmentally Critical Areas Review for Wetlands, Fish & Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas on land use or construction permits shall be charged on an hourly basis e. Review to determine Environmentally Critical Area exemption for Wetlands and Riparian Corridor and Shoreline ECAs shall be charged on an hourly basis	
5.	Shoreline permits a. Substantial development permits b. Variances[2] and conditional uses	
6.	Short subdivisions[3]; refer to Table D-2 #10 for 22.900D.010 for additional fees that may apply to this permit type.	
7.	Special exceptions	
8.	Variances[2] 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 an hour. This exception applies if the application is for a variance only, or a variance combined only with an ACU application.	
9.	Type II land use approvals such as, but not limited to, planned community/residential development, major phased developments and other Type II approvals that are not categorized otherwise in Table C-1 for 22.900C.010.	
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TABLE C-1, Part A — Continued		
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 subdivisions[4]; refer to Table D-2 #10 for 22.900D.010 for additional fees that may apply to this permit type.	
12.	Reserved	
13.	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 Section 25.11.070 or Section 25.11.080 to protect exceptional tree if no other land use reviews are required b. Design review elected by applicant for tree protection	 Land Use Hourly x 10 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 22.900D.010 for 22.900D.010 for additional fees that may apply to this permit type	Land Use Hourly x 2
18	Extensions of Type IV Council Land Use Decisions	Land Use Hourly x 2
19.	Land Use Code Interpretations[6]	Land Use Hourly x 10
20.	Letters for detailed zoning analysis or permit research	Land Use Hourly x 4
21.	Lot Boundary Adjustment, Temporary Use > 4 weeks; refer to Table D-2 #10 for 22.900D.010 for additional fees that may apply to this permit type	Land Use Hourly x 5
22.	Major Institution – review of annual plan	Land Use Hourly x 6
23.	Major phased development permit – minor amendment	Land Use Hourly x 2
24.	Neighborhood planning	Reserved
25.	Noise survey review and variance	See Table D-2 for 22.900D.010 and Section 22.900F.020
26.	Open space remainder lots and surplus state property	Land Use Hourly x 4
27.	Pre-application conference[7]	Land Use Hourly x 2
28.	Property Use and Development Agreement (PUDA) – minor amendment	Land Use Hourly x 2
29.	Public benefit feature review	Land Use Hourly x 2
30.	Renewals including shoreline renewals	Land Use Hourly x 2
31.	Revisions other than shoreline revisions	Land Use Hourly x 1
32.	School use and school development advisory committee reviews	Land Use Hourly x 10
33.	Shoreline exemptions	Land Use Hourly x 1
34.	Shoreline permit revisions not due to required conditions	Land Use Hourly x 2
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TABLE C-1— Continued		
35.	Special accommodation	Land Use Hourly x 2
36.	Structural building overhangs and areaways as a separate component	Land Use Hourly x 2
37.	Tree and Vegetation Restoration Review in ECA above minimum threshold where SEPA is not required other than for the restoration (25.09.320A3c2b)	Land Use Hourly x 2
38.	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**
39.	Curb cuts as a separate component a. Single-family residential b. Other than single-family residential	 $74 each $146 each
40.	Intake appointments for land use reviews; fee is charged for each occurrence	DPD Base Fee x 1
41.	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 d. DJC decision publication e. Neighborhood newspaper publication f. Public meeting room rental	 DPD Base Fee x 1 $112 DPD Base Fee per 500 pieces of mail or portions thereof $175 Rate charged by newspaper $113
42.	Rebuild Letters a. With Research b. Without Research	 DPD Base Fee x 1 $38
43.	Records research by the Public Resource Center	DPD Base Fee x 1
44.	Recording Fees, for LBA, Short Subdivision	Rate charged by King County[9]

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TABLE C-1— Continued
Footnotes to Table C-1 for 22.900C.010: 1. For purposes of these land use fees, low-income housing is housing that both (1) satisfies the definition of "low-income housing" in Section 23.84.024; and (2) where at least 50 percent of the total gross floor area of each structure on the site is committed to low-income housing use for at least 20 years. 2. The single variance fee shall be applicable whether the project requires one or multiple variances. 3. Includes short subdivisions in environmentally critical areas. 4. Includes unit-lot subdivisions and full subdivisions in environmentally critical areas. 5. This fee applies if design review is initiated only for tree protection and the application has no other review under Items 1 - 14. 6. The fees for interpretations of SMC Chapters 25.12, 25.20, 25.22, and 25.24 shall be collected by the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods. 7. 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. 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. 9. Recording fees will be charged the current rate as established and charged by King County at the time of document recording.

CHAPTER 22.900D —
FEES FOR NEW AND ALTERED BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT

22.900D.010 Development permit fees

A. General. The development fee shall cover the application, review and inspection process associated with new construction, additions, alterations, and repairs to existing buildings and establishment of use. The development fee shall consist of a permit fee and, where plans are reviewed, a separate plan review fee. The permit fee and plan review fee shall be determined based on valuation, except as provided below.

B. Time of Payment of Fees

1. Amount Due Prior to Application. Fees for building pre-application conference and any additional fees accrued after the conference shall be due prior to permit application. See subsection 22.900D.010.I for building pre-application conference fees.

2. Amounts Due at Time of Application. The following amounts are due at the time of application:

   a. Applications for subject-to-field inspection (STFI) permits shall pay a fee equal to the permit fee specified in Table D-2 for 22.900D.010.

   b. Applications for building and/or mechanical permits with plan review shall pay the plan review fee plus 1/2 the permit fee as specified in Table D-2 for 22.900D.010.

   c. For development permits approved to be issued in phases, the plan review fee plus 1/2 the permit fee due at the time of application of the first phased submittal shall be calculated based upon the value calculated in accordance with Section 22.900D.010.C for the entire scope of the development permit. The remaining portion of the permit fee will not be collected until issuance of the final phase of the development permit that completes the scope of the proposed building project.

   d. For other applications, the minimum fee shall be collected at the time of application.

3. Fees collected at the time of application will be based on Department estimates of the total fees due at the time of permit issuance. The final Department fees will be recalculated during review, and any additional amount due shall be collected prior to the issuance of the permit, approval, denial, decision or recommendation, provided that hourly fees may be collected earlier, as described in Section 22.900B.010.D. Any fee in excess of the final calculated fee shall be refunded pursuant to Section 22.900B.050 and subsection 22.900D.010.K.

4. If, during the initial review, the previously-collected fee is determined to be less than 90 percent of the estimated fee, the review work subsequent to the initial review will not proceed until the discrepancy is paid to the Department.

C. Determination of value.

1. The Director shall determine the value of construction for which the permit is issued (the estimated current value of all labor and materials, whether actually paid or not, as well as all finish work, painting, roofing, electrical, plumbing, heating, air-conditioning, elevators, fire-extinguishing systems, automatic sprinkler systems, other mechanical systems, retaining walls, rockeries and any other permanent work or permanent equipment, but not including

furnishings). The building valuation data from the International Code Council and other valuation criteria approved by the Director will be used to determine the value of construction.

2. Dish or panel antennae. The fee for processing applications for installation of a dish or panel antenna shall be charged on the value of the foundation and supports constructed for the installation. The value of the dish or panel antenna shall not be included in the determination of value.

3. The development fee for parks and playgrounds shall be based on the project value, including the value of improvements for structures incidental to the park or playground such as retaining walls, rockeries and restrooms, but shall not include the value of playground equipment.

4. The valuation shall be based on the highest type of construction to which a proposed structure most nearly conforms, as determined by the Director.

D. Phased permits

1.a. If a new building project is proposed to be built in phases and the Director determines that separate development permits may be issued for approved portions of the project, the development fee for the entire permit shall be based on the value of work according to Table D-2 for 22.900D.010.

1.b. If the shoring and/or excavating work is included with the complete foundation (below grade) phase of the building project, the fees for such work shall be included in the fees described above.

1.c. If the proposed building project includes a separate shoring and/or excavation phase that is not combined with the complete foundation (below grade) phase, the shoring and/or excavation work will be reviewed and issued as a separate permit. The fees for the excavation portion of that permit shall be based on Section 22.900D.145, and the fees for the shoring portion of that permit shall be based on the value of that structural portion of the work according to Table D-2 for 22.900D.010. No credit will be given for any of these fees toward the phased building permit.

2. In addition to the fee specified in subsection 22.900D.010.D.1 above, if an applicant requests division of an already-submitted permit application a fee shall be charged for each separate application as specified in Table D-2 for 22.900D.010, and the fee to process this request shall be charged at the DPD hourly rate.

E. Calculation of Development Fees. The development fee for a permit shall be calculated as described in this section.

1. Table D-1 for 22.900D.010 establishes the Development Fee Index for value-based development fees. Except as specified in Section 22.900D.010.F below, Table D-2 for 22.900D.010 establishes the permit fee and plan review fee, calculated as a percentage of the development fee index where determined by value.

2. For the calculation of the Development Fee Index, as specified in Table D-1 for 22.900D.010, if a building is more than three stories high using construction Types 1A and 1B, the total building valuation may be modified for structure height depending on the building occupancy

as described in the current Director's Rule clarification on "Implementation of the Fee Subtitle, Building Valuation," which is incorporated by reference.

3. If two or more buildings are allowed under one permit, they shall be assessed fees as separate buildings under Table D-2 for 22.900D.010. The individual fees shall then be added to determine the total development fee for the permit.

Table D-1 for 22.900D.010 — Calculation of the Development Fee Index[1]	
Total Valuation	**Development Fee Index**
$0 to $1,000	$150 for the first $1,000 or fraction thereof.
$1,001 to $50,000	$150 for the first $1,000 plus $1.25 for each additional $100 or fraction thereof.
$50,001 to $100,000	$762.50 for the first $50,000 plus $1 for each additional $100 or fraction thereof.
$100,001 to $250,000	$1,262.50 for the first $100,000 plus $4.75 for each additional $1,000 or fraction thereof.
$250,001 to $500,000	$1,975 for the first $250,000 plus $4.50 for each additional $1,000 or fraction thereof.
$500,001 to $750,000	$3,100 for the first $500,000 plus $4.25 for each additional $1,000 or fraction thereof.
$750,001 to $1,000,000	$4,162.50 for the first $750,000 plus $4 for each additional $1,000 or fraction thereof.
$1,000,001 to $2,000,000	$5,162.50 for first $1,000,000 plus $3.75 for each additional $1,000 or fraction thereof.
$2,000,001 to $3,000,000	$8,912.50 for first $2,000,000 plus $3.50 for each additional $1,000 or fraction thereof.
$3,000,001 to $4,000,000	$12,412.50 for first $3,000,000 plus $3.25 for each additional $1,000 or fraction thereof.
$4,000,001 to $5,000,000	$15,662.50 for first $4,000,000 plus $3 for each additional $1,000 or fraction thereof.
$5,000,001 to $50,000,000	$18,662.50 for the first $5,000,000 plus $2.25 for each additional $1,000 or fraction thereof.
$50,000,001 to $100,000,000	$119,912.50 for the first $50,000,000 plus $1.75 for each additional $1,000 or fraction thereof.
$100,000,001 to $200,000,000	$207,412.50 for the first $100,000,000 plus $1.25 for each additional $1,000 or fraction thereof.
$200,000,001 and up	$332,412.50 for the first $200,000,000 plus $0.75 for each additional $1,000 or fraction thereof.

Table D-2 for 22.900D.010 — Calculation of Development Fees Determined by Value		
	Percent of Development Fee Index (DFI) Calculated from Project Value as Specified in Table D-1[1] for 22.900D.010	
Type of Development	**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	Mechanical Review at the DPD hourly rate, 1 hour minimum All other applicable reviews at the DPD hourly rate, 1 hour minimum
5. Blanket permit review fees: a. Initial tenant alterations applied for within 18 months of the date of issuance of the first certificate of occupancy within a building where the area of work is more than 50,000 sq. ft. b. Initial tenant alterations applied for after 18 months of the date of issuance of the first certificate of occupancy	$2.25 per 100 square feet[1] 100% of DFI	$2.60 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 certificate of occupancy (nonblanket permit initial tenant improvements to shell and core)[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
7. Standard plans: a. Establishment of standard plan, including temporary structures. (For swimming pools, see Item 16 below.) b. Establishment of already permitted plan as standard plan c. Subsequent reviews of standard plan, other than temporary structures d. Subsequent reviews of standard plans for temporary structures	100% of DFI 100% of DFI 100% of DFI See Item 18 below	200% of DFI, plus DPD hourly rate for review/approval of "options" 100% of DFI, plus DPD hourly rate for review/approval of "options" 60% of DFI, plus DPD hourly rate for review/approval of "revisions" See Item 18 below
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Table D-2 – Continued		
8. Factory-built housing and commercial structures a. Modular construction, 3 or fewer stories b. Modular construction, more than 3 stories	 Base fee x 1 Base fee x 1	 Base fee x 1 for each module Base fee x 1 for each module, plus DPD hourly rate for structural review
SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT FEES		
Type of Development	**Permit Fee**	**Plan Review Fee**
9. Establishing use for the record a. Applications with no construction b. Applications with construction: Refer to Table C-1, item #17, for 22.900C.010 for additional Land Use Fees that apply to this permit type	 Base fee x 1.5 100% of DFI	 None 100% of DFI
10. Building review associated with platting actions and/or LBAs	None	DPD hourly rate; .25 hour minimum
11. Noise survey reviews	None	DPD hourly rate; 1-hour minimum
12. Parking facilities a. Outside a building b. Within or on a building	 See Section 22.900D.060 See Section22.900D.010.C	
13. Renewal (or Reestablishment) of development permits and/or separate mechanical permits See subsection 22.99D.010.G and subsection 22.900D.010.L for exceptions and modifications to fee	Base fee x 1.5	DPD hourly rate
14. Single-family earthquake retrofit a. Permit for work in full compliance with Project Impact Standards/Plans b. Permit for work in partial compliance with Project Impact Standards/Plans with additional engineering design of those portions not in compliance c. Voluntary seismic upgrades requiring full engineering/design and not per Project Impact Standards/Plans	 Base fee x 1 Base fee x 1 100% of DFI	 None DPD hourly rate with 1 hour minimum 100% of DFI
15. Review of Unreinforced Masonry Building Designation or Retrofit Standard a. Review to change unreinforced masonry bearing wall building designation b. Review to determine seismic retrofit standard of previously retrofitted unreinforced masonry building	 None None	 DPD base fee x 1 DPD hourly rate; 1 hour minimum
16. Special inspection	Base fee x 1	
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TABLE D-2 – Continued		
17. Swimming pools[4]:		
a. Unenclosed pools accessory to Group R-3 Occupancy	Base fee x 4	
b. Unenclosed pools accessory to occupancies other than Group R-3	Base fee x 6	
c. Principal use unenclosed pools	Base fee x 6	
d. Future construction of an unenclosed swimming pool	Base fee x 1	
e. Initial approval of standard plan for swimming pool accessory to Group R-3 Occupancy	Base fee x 5	
f. Subsequent review of application based on approved swimming pool standard plan	Base fee x 1.5	
18. Temporary structures, such as commercial coaches[5]	Base fee x 2 per structure	
19. Temporary use permits		
a. For 4 weeks or less[6]	Base fee x 1.5	
b. For more than 4 weeks[6]	Base fee x 2	
20. Phased Permits		
a. Value ≤$5,000,000 in value	Base fee x 1	
b. Value >$5,000,000 in value	Base fee x 2	
21. ECA Small Project Waiver on a building permit	None	DPD hourly rate; 0.25 hour minimum
22. 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
23. Building Permit Shop Drawings	None	DPD hourly rate: 1.75 hour minimum
24. Sprinkler Shop Drawings	None	DPD hourly rate: 0.75 hour minimum
25. Sprinkler Only Permit Submittals (New and/or Add/Alt)	Base fee x 0.75	See Section 22.900.G.
26. Code Alternate Request	None	DPD hourly rate, 2 hour minimum

Footnotes to Table D-2 for 22.900D.010:

1. The minimum permit fee or plan review fee for value-based fees is $150.
2. The minimum plan review fee for Subject To Field Inspection (STFI) value-based plan review is $60.
3. This fee is applicable only to those initial tenants that reflect the use and occupancy established in the shell and core permit. The value used shall be the new construction value used in calculating value for the shell and core permit.
4. If a swimming pool is located within an enclosed building and is included in the building plans for that building, a separate fee shall not be charged for the swimming pool. The swimming pool area will be considered as floor area of the principal occupancy of the building.
5. This fee shall not apply to any on-site, temporary construction office where a valid building permit is in force.
6. Master use permit fees for such temporary uses shall be charged according to Table C-1 for 22.900C.010.

F. Blanket Permits

1. The application fee for a blanket permit to cover initial nonstructural tenant alterations within the first three years of the first tenant alteration permit shall be charged at the rate of $4.85 per 100 square feet of space to be improved within the life of the permit. A deposit based on the estimated value of the work to be completed during the life of the permit shall be collected at the time of application. As individual tenant spaces are reviewed, the amount of the fee equivalent to the floor space examined shall be deducted from the deposit per Table D-2 for 22.900D.010.

2. The application fee for a blanket permit to cover nonstructural tenant alterations in previously-occupied space, or to cover initial nonstructural tenant alterations after three years of the first tenant alteration permit, is one times the base fee. A deposit based on the estimated value of the proposed work within 18 months shall be collected at the time of application. As individual tenant spaces are reviewed, the fee for the work to be done shall be calculated according to Table D-2 for 22.900D.010 and deducted from the deposit.

3. If the estimated blanket fee deposit is used up in less time than the life of the permit and work remains to be done, an additional deposit shall be paid based on the estimated floor area remaining to be improved during the remaining life of the permit. If a portion of the deposit is unused at the end of the life of the permit and work remains to be done, credit for the balance of the deposit may be transferred from the expiring permit to a new blanket permit. To minimize additional accounting costs associated with blanket permits, if more than two deposits are made during the life of the blanket permit, the minimum amount of each subsequent deposit shall be $2,000.

G. Revisions to Issued Permits. Fees for revisions to issued permits shall be charged according to standards promulgated by the Director that approximate the additional cost of reviewing the revisions. A nonrefundable fee of one times the base fee shall be paid at the time the revisions are submitted.

H. Certificate of Occupancy. The issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for existing buildings, either if no Certificate of Occupancy has previously been issued or if a change of occupancy is requested, requires a building permit. If there is no construction valuation (there is no work which would require a building permit), the minimum building permit fee shall be assessed. In addition to the minimum building permit fee, if records research, plan examination or inspection is required, charges shall be assessed at the DPD hourly rate. If work is being done as authorized by a permit, the permanent Certificate of Occupancy fee is not assessed in addition to the building permit fee. The fee for a temporary Certificate of Occupancy shall be charged at the rate of 1/2 the base fee. The fee for the duplication of a Certificate of Occupancy is $30.20 unless records research, plan examination or inspection is required, in which case charges shall be assessed at the DPD hourly rate.

I. Building Pre-application Conferences.

1. Required Building Pre-application Conferences. If there is a requirement for a pre-application or pre-design conference, such as buildings subject to the Seattle Building Code special provisions for atriums (Section 404), or highrise buildings (Section 403), 35 percent of the estimated plan review fee for the structure shall be charged and paid as specified in Section 22.900D.010.B, and applied toward the development permit fee provided the permit application is made within six months of the date of the pre-application conference. (See Table C-1 for 22.900C.010 for land use pre-application conference fees.)

2. Other Building Pre-application Conferences. If a pre-application conference is requested by the applicant but is not required by Code, a fee equal to 1.5 times the base fee shall be paid no later than the time of the conference. Such fee is required for each meeting held on a project. In addition to the minimum building pre-application conference fee, if additional staff, research, preliminary plan examination or inspection is required, charges shall be assessed at the DPD hourly rate and shall be charged and paid as specified in Section 22.900D.010.B.

J. Correction Fee. After written notice to the applicant, a Correction Fee of $328 will be charged for each additional correction cycle required due to lack of adequate response from the applicant.

K. Renew or Reestablish a Permit

1. Fees to renew or reestablish a permit shall be charged according to Table D-2 for 22.900D.010. If the fee for a new permit would be less than 1.5 times the base fee, then the fee to renew or reestablish the permit shall be the same as for a new permit.
2. If changes are made to the original approved plans, an additional fee shall be charged for plans examination review and inspections at the DPD hourly rate.

22.900D.020 Repealed

See Section 22.900D.145.

22.900D.030 Concrete mix design approval.

The fee for the evaluation of a concrete design mix is 1/2 times the base fee, paid in advance of the evaluation decision being rendered.

22.900D.040 Repealed

See Section 22.900D.145.

22.900D.050 Repealed

See Section 22.900D.145.

22.900D.060 Fees for parking facilities outside of buildings

A. A fee for parking facilities outside of buildings shall be charged for the review of plans to regrade and resurface existing parking facilities, to reconfigure existing parking facilities (rearrange parking spaces and aisles), to establish parking facilities on existing paved areas, and to establish and construct new parking facilities, whether the principal use of a lot or accessory to another use, as provided in Table D-7 for 22.900D.060. (Parking facilities within buildings shall be charged fees in accordance with Section 22.900D.010.)

B. In determining the area of the parking facility, all aisles and landscape areas internal to the parking facility shall be included. Driveways to the parking facility and landscape areas on the periphery of the parking facility shall not be included.

C. These fees shall not apply to any parking facility that is underground and within a structure or on the roof of a structure, or to any extension of a parking facility that is primarily under a building, provided that the uncovered extension is no more than four feet beyond the footprint of the

building. The fees for these parking facilities shall be charged in accordance with Section 22.900D.010.

Table D-7 for 22.900D.060 — Parking Facilities Fees		
Parking Lot Size (Square Feet of Gross Parking Area[1])	**Fee Without Associated Building or Use Permit[2]**	**Fee With Associated Building or Use Permit[2]**
Over 4,000	Base fee x 3	Base fee x 2.5
2,000-4,000	Base fee x 2.5	Base fee x 1.5
Less than 2,000	Base fee x 1	No fee

Footnotes to Table D-7 for 22.900D.060:

1. Where an existing parking facility is being reconfigured, gross parking area shall be the area being reconfigured.
2. Associated building or use permits are permits that have not expired (or are still going through the review process).

D. The fee for renewal or reestablishment of a permit for a parking facility is 1.5 times the base fee where there are no changes in the plans. If changes are made to the original plans, an additional fee shall be charged for inspection and/or plan examination at the DPD hourly rate.

22.900D.070 Floodplain development approval or license fee.

The fee for processing and review of applications for floodplain development approvals shall be charged at the rate of 1.5 times the base fee, except that the fee for processing and review of applications for a floodplain development license shall be charged at the rate of one times the base fee.

22.900D.080 Demolitions and relocations

A. Demolition. The fee for demolition permits is 1.5 times the base fee.

B. Relocation other than floating homes

   1. The fee to relocate a building from within the City to a location outside of The City of Seattle is 1.5 times the base fee (demolition) fee for the site from which the building is moved.

   2. The fee to relocate a building to any location within the City limits includes:

      a. An amount calculated according to Table D-2 for 22.900D.010 as for new construction for the foundation and additions to the building;

      b. A fee for alterations to the building calculated as for alterations to other buildings; and

      c. A fee of 1.5 times the base fee (demolition fee) for the site from which the building is moved.

   3. Relocation permits require a deposit or bond of $10,000, refundable upon the completion and approval of the foundation and framing.

C. Floating home relocation. The fee to relocate a floating home shall be charged at the rate of 1.5 times the base fee.

22.900D.090 Permit fees for mechanical equipment and systems, other than boilers and pressure vessels and refrigeration systems

A. Mechanical permit fees for the installation, replacement or major alteration of heating equipment, incinerators and other miscellaneous heat-producing appliances shall be charged as set in Table D-8 for 22.900D.090. Fees shall be charged for each furnace if it is applied for without plans. No separate fee shall be charged for a furnace if it is included in plans for a mechanical air-moving system submitted for a mechanical permit.

B. Mechanical permits are considered part of a building permit, with no additional fee, if mechanical plans are reviewed at the same time as structural and architectural plans for the same building project. The fees for a separate mechanical permit for installation, alteration or repair of mechanical air-moving systems, including ducts attached thereto, associated nonresidential heating and cooling equipment, and mechanical exhaust hoods, including ducts attached thereto, are charged per Table D-2 for 22.900D.090. See Table D-12 for 22.900D.110 for rates for burners installed in boilers.

C. The fee to renew or reestablish a furnace permit is 1/2 the base fee.

Table D-8 for 22.900D.090 — Permit Fees for Mechanical Equipment

Type of Installation	Fee
Forced air, gravity-type, or floor furnace, gas or oil suspended heater, heat pump, recessed wall heater or floor-mounted space heater, wall furnace, circulating heater or woodstove/fireplace insert, including ducts and burners attached thereto	$121 per unit
New gas or oil burners and newly installed used gas or oil burners[1]	$121 per unit
Appliance vents Class A, B, BW or L if installed separately	$96 per unit
Mechanical air-moving systems	See Table D-2 for 22.900D.010
Appliances or equipment or other work not classed in other categories, or for which no other fee is listed	Hourly at the DPD hourly rate Minimum of 1/2 hour

Footnote to Table D-8 for 22.900D.090:

1. See Table D-12 for 22.900D.110 for rates for burners installed by boilers.

22.900D.100 Refrigeration equipment and systems

A. Fees for the installation, addition, repair, replacement and alteration of refrigeration equipment and systems shall be charged as set in Table D-10 for 22.900D.100.

B. Temporary installations of ten days duration or less, made for the purposes of exhibition, display or demonstration shall be charged a fee of $53 for each installation.

Table D-10 for 22.900D.100 — Refrigeration Permit Fees[1]	
Type or Size of System/Equipment	**Fee**
Basic fee[2]	$57
Additional installation fee per compressor	
0–5 HP	$57
6–25 HP	$115
26–100 HP	$216
101–500 HP	$305
Over 500 HP	$371
Repair and alteration (value of work)	**Fee**
$0 – $1,000	$57
$1,001 – $5,000	$83
$5,001 – $10,000	$143
Over $10,000	$142 plus $57/each $5,000 or fraction thereof of valuation above $10,000

Footnotes to Table D-10 for 22.900D.100:

1. Where the application for permit shows cooling tonnage rather than horsepower, the fees of this table shall apply at a rate of one horsepower equals one ton of cooling capacity.
2. The basic fee applies to new installations, repairs and alterations.

C. The fee to renew or reestablish a refrigeration permit is 1/2 the base fee.

22.900D.110 New installations and alterations of boilers and pressure vessels

A. Fees for the installation of boilers and pressure vessels shall be charged as set in Table D-12 for 22.900D.110. The fee for alteration or repair of boilers and pressure vessels when an inspection is required is a minimum fee of 1/2 times the base fee and a fee for inspection time beyond the first 1/2 hour at the DPD hourly rate.

B. The fee to renew or reestablish a boiler permit is 1/2 the base fee.

Table D-12 for 22.900D.110— Installation Fees for Boilers and Pressure Vessels			
Type Of Installation			**Installation Fee**
Boilers	Heated By Combustion Products Heating—Surface (In Square Feet)	Electric Power Input (In KW)	
	0–250	0–200	$199
	>250–500	201–400	$296
	>500–750	401–600	$397
	>750–1,000	601–800	$572
	> 1,000	Over 800	$724
Pressure vessels[1]	Length times diameter in square feet		
	0–15		$133
	>15–30		$175
	>30–50		$253
	>50–100		$326
	>100		$397
Burner[2]	0–12,500,000 Btu/hr Over 12,500,000 Btu/hr		$199 (each fuel) $308 (each fuel)
Automatic certification	0–12,500,000 Btu/hr Over 12,500,000 Btu/hr		$199 (each fuel) $308 (each fuel)
Monitoring System	Per Boiler		$368

Footnotes to Table D-12 for 22.900D.110:

1. Rating size is the product of the two greatest dimensions of the vessel: diameter X overall length for the cylindrical vessels; maximum width X maximum length for rectangular vessels.
2. When a burner is installed in conjunction with a boiler, a separate fee shall not be charged for the burner.

22.900D.120 Repealed

22.900D.130 Shop and field assembly inspections

A. The Director may, upon written request of any manufacturer or assembler licensed to do business in The City of Seattle who has an appropriate American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code Symbol and holds a valid Certificate of Authorization from the ASME, make shop and field assembly inspection of boilers, boiler piping and unfired pressure vessels and provide for certification of manufacturers' data reports of such inspections as may be required by the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code rules. This service shall be provided only when the equipment is to be installed within The City of Seattle, and only when the applicant is unable to obtain inspections from private inspection agencies or other governmental authorities.

B. Fees for shop and field assembly inspection of boilers and pressure vessels shall be charged at the same rate as the installation fees for the equipment or at the DPD hourly rate, with a minimum fee charged at the rate of one times the base fee for any one inspection.

C. Fees for inspection requested for other than shop and field assembly inspection shall be charged at the DPD hourly rate, with a minimum fee charged at the rate of one times the base fee for any one inspection.

D. No fee shall be charged for the emergency inspection of a boiler or pressure vessel which has burst, burned or suffered other accidental damage, provided the boiler or pressure vessel is covered by a current valid certificate of inspection.

22.900D.140 New installations and alterations of elevators and other conveyances

A. Permit fees for new installations and relocations of passenger or freight elevators, automobile parking elevators, escalators, moving walks, material lifts, dumbwaiters, lifts, private residence elevators and other conveyances shall be charged as set forth in Table D-13 for 22.900D.140.

B. For the purpose of Table D-13 for 22.900D.140, and in accordance with Seattle Building Code Section 3006.1, each separately-powered unit is considered a separate conveyance. Applications and permits shall be issued accordingly.

C. Installation fees include charges for electrical equipment installed in connection with any conveyance and such equipment shall not be subject to a separate electrical permit and fee.

D. The permit fee for alterations and repairs to existing elevators, escalators, lifts, moving walks, dumbwaiters, and other conveyances shall be charged on a valuation basis as set forth in Table D-13 for 22.900D.140, but in no case shall the fee for alteration or repair exceed the fee if the same were a new installation.

E. The fee for a temporary, 60-day operating permit is one times the base fee.

F. The fee to renew or reestablish an elevator permit is 1/2 the base fee.

G. Each of the fees in Table D-13 for 22.900D.140 includes a nonrefundable portion in the amount of one times the base fee.

Table D-13 for 22.900D.140 — Permit Fees for Elevators and Other Conveyances	
New Installations and Relocations	
Type of Conveyance	**Fee**
Hydraulic elevators	$519 plus $45 per hoistway opening
Cabled geared and gearless elevators	$996 plus $76 per hoistway opening
Residential hydraulic and cabled elevators	$392
Dumbwaiters, manual doors	$188 plus $23 per hoistway opening
Dumbwaiters, power doors	$188 plus $53 per hoistway opening
Escalators and moving walks	$1,479 plus the following: (width in inches + run in feet + vertical rise in feet) x $4.50
Accessibility lifts (vertical and inclined)	$302
Material lifts	$363
Alterations & Repairs	
Type of Conveyance	**Fee**
Accessibility lifts (vertical and inclined)	$151 plus $23 for each $1,000 of construction value or fraction thereof
Other elevators, escalators, walks, dumbwaiters and lifts	$181 plus $30 for each $1,000 of construction value or fraction thereof
Elevator Cosmetic Alterations Only:	
Weight differential less than or equal to 5%	$181 plus $30 for each $1,000.00 of construction value or fraction thereof, to a maximum fee of $363
Weight differential greater than 5%	$181 plus $30 for each $1,000.00 of construction value or fraction thereof
Alteration or replacement of a door opening device	$217 per opening device

22.900D.145 Site and Geotechnical review fee

A. The fees for plan review and inspection of the following are as provided in this section and Table D-SR for 22.900D.145:

   1. Land-disturbing activity as defined in the Stormwater Code, Section 22.801.130; and

   2. Drainage, including temporary drainage and erosion and sedimentation control.

B. The minimum fees for site and geotechnical review are specified in Table D-SR for 22.900D.145, and shall be paid at the time specified in the Table. Hourly fees due in addition to the minimum fee will be calculated during review and prior to final inspection, issuance of Certificate of Occupancy or permit expiration. Payment of hourly fees is due at the times specified in Table D-SR for 22.900D.145 or may be charged in accordance with Section 22.900B.010.

C. The charge for review time, including site and geotechnical inspections, in excess of the time included in the minimum fee is the DPD hourly rate. Accrued hours shall be billed and payable upon receipt of invoice.

D. Fees for environmentally critical areas review

   1. Fees for environmentally critical areas review and for exemptions for environmentally critical areas apply to such areas inside or outside the Shoreline District.

2. The fee to review possible exemptions for environmentally critical areas applies regardless of the review's outcome.

E. The fee for third party review as specified in the environmentally critical areas regulations, as defined in subsection 25.09.080.C, and for shoring review is the contract cost to the Department for the review plus an amount equal to 15 percent of the contract amount for administration and review of the third party geotechnical report and professional opinion. Seventy-five percent of the estimated contract amount shall be paid prior to the contract award.

F. Site review fees are nonrefundable.

Table D-SR for 22.900D.145— Site and Geotechnical Review Fees

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	3/4 hour at the DPD hourly rate	At the time of application intake	3/4 hour	At the time of application intake
2. Drainage or grading review separate from a development permit or as part of a MUP application	1/2 hour for each type at the DPD hourly rate	At the time of application intake	1/2 hour each	At the time of permit issuance
3. Review to determine Environmentally Critical Area exemption	1/2 hour at the DPD hourly rate	At the time of application intake	1/2 hour	At the time of decision
4. ECA Review	1/2 hour at the DPD hourly rate	At the time of application intake	1/2 hour	At the time of permit issuance for additional hours beyond minimum
5. Geotechnical Review (Non ECA)	1/2 hour at the DPD hourly rate	At the time of Permit issuance	1/2 hour	At the time of permit issuance for additional hours beyond minimum
6. Drainage Review	1/2 hour at the DPD hourly rate	At the time of application intake	1/2 hour	At the time of permit issuance for additional hours beyond minimum
7. 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 for additional hours beyond minimum

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Post Issuance Site Inspections and Other Reviews					
Type	**Description**	**Action**	**Worktype**	**ECA Filter / Action Type**	**Rate**
3001	SF/D	New	Field	ECA 1, 2, 8	1.5 x base rate
3001	SF/D	New	Field	ECA 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12	1.5 x base rate
3001	SF/D	New	Field	Non ECA	1.5 x base rate
3001	SF/D	New	Full	ECA 1, 2, 8	1.75 x base rate
3001	SF/D	New	Full	ECA 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12	1.75 x base rate
3001	SF/D	New	Full	Non ECA	1.75 x base rate
3001	SF/D	New	Full+/Full C	ECA 1, 2, 8	2.25 x base rate
3001	SF/D	New	Full+/Full C	ECA 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12	2 x base rate
3001	SF/D	New	Full+/Full C	Non ECA	2 x base rate
3001	SF/D	ADD/ALT	Field	ECA 1, 2, 8	1.5 x base rate
3001	SF/D	ADD/ALT	Field	ECA 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12	1.5 x base rate
3001	SF/D	ADD/ALT	Field	Non ECA	1.5 x base rate
3001	SF/D	ADD/ALT	Full	ECA 1, 2, 8	1.75 x base rate
3001	SF/D	ADD/ALT	Full	ECA 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12	1.75 x base rate
3001	SF/D	ADD/ALT	Full	Non ECA	1.5 x base rate
3001	SF/D	ADD/ALT	Full+/Full C	ECA 1, 2, 8	2 x base rate
3001	SF/D	ADD/ALT	Full+/Full C	ECA 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12	1.75 x base rate
3001	SF/D	ADD/ALT	Full+/Full C	Non ECA	2 x base rate
3001	COMM, MF, IND, INST	NEW	Field	ECA 1, 2, 8	1.5 x base rate
3001	COMM, MF, IND, INST	NEW	Field	ECA 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12	1.5 x base rate
3001	COMM, MF, IND, INST	NEW	Field	Non ECA	1.5 x base rate
3001	COMM, MF IND, INST	NEW	Full	ECA 1, 2, 8	2.25 x base rate
3001	COMM, MF, IND, INST	NEW	Full	ECA 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12	1.75 x base rate
3001	COMM. MF, IND, INST	NEW	Full	Non ECA	1.75 x base rate
3001	COMM, MF, IND, INST	NEW	Full+/Full C	ECA 1, 2, 8	2.75 x base rate
3001	COMM, MF, IND, INST	NEW	Full+/Full C	ECA 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10,11, 12	2.25 x base rate
3001	COMM, MF, IND, INST	NEW	Full+/Full C	Non ECA	2 x base rate
3001	COMM, MF, IND, INST	ADD/ALT	Field	ECA 1, 2, 8	1.5 x base rate
3001	COMM, MF, IND, INST	ADD/ALT	Field	ECA 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12	1.5 x base rate

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3001	COMM, MF, IND, INST	ADD/ALT	Field	Non ECA	1.5 x base rate
3001	COMM, MD, IND, INST	ADD/ALT	Full	ECA 1, 2, 8	2 x base rate
3001	COMM, MD, IND, INST	ADD/ALT	Full	ECA 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12	1.75 x base rate
3001	COMM, MD, IND, INST	ADD/ALT	Full	Non ECA	1.75 x base rate
3001	COMM, MD, IND, INST	ADD/ALT	Full+/Full C	ECA 1, 2, 8	2 x base rate
3001	COMM, MD, IND, INST	ADD/ALT	Full+/Full C	ECA 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12	2 x base rate
3001	COMM, MD, IND, INST	ADD/ALT	Full+/Full C	Non ECA	1.75 x base rate
3002	Demo		All		1.25 x base rate
3001, 3005	ANY	TEMP, NONE	All		1.25 x base rate
3005	Grading Only		Field		1.5 x base rate
3005	Grading Only		Full		1.5 x base rate
3005	Grading Only		Full+/Full C		1.75 x base rate

Legend for Table D-SR for 22.900D.145: Post-Issuance Site Inspections and Other Reviews

Type: 3001 = building permit 3002 = demolition permit 3005 = site permit (e.g., grading, vegetation, curb cut)	**Description:** SF/D = Single Family/Duplex MF = Multi-family COMM = Commercial IND = Industrial INST = Institution DEMO = Demolition Grading Only = Grading outside a building permit
Action: New = New construction ADD/ALT = Addition or alteration to existing building or structure TEMP = Temporary structure or use NONE = work not classified	**Worktype:** Field = Simple, STFI permit with plans to minimal standards Full = Simple, full plans required Full + = Medium complexity, full plans required Full C = complex, full plans required

ECA Filter/Action Type:
ECA 1, 2, 8 = soil-related ECA issues
ECA 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11,12 = other, non soil-related ECA issues

22.900D.150 Electrical permit fees

A. Permit Fees When Plans and Specifications Are Reviewed

1. Permit fees for electrical installations for which plans and specifications are reviewed by the Director shall be charged on a valuation basis as set forth in Table D-14 for 22.900D.150.
2. If approved by the Director to submit plans for advance plan examination, 50 percent of the estimated permit fee shall be collected at the time of the permit application and plan submittal.

3. The Director shall determine the value of the construction, which is the value to the vendee of all labor, material, fittings, apparatus and the like, whether actually paid for or not, supplied by the permit holder and/or installed by the permit holder as a part of, or in connection with, a complete electrical system, but that does not include the cost of utilizing equipment connected to the electrical system. The Director may require verification of the stated cost of any work subject to these fees.

   If the cost of any proposed installation is unknown, an estimate of the cost shall be made and used to compute the permit fee.

   The permit fee specified in Table D-14 for 22.900D.150 is due at the time of application. Upon completion of the installation, a fee adjustment may be made in favor of The City of Seattle or the permit holder, if requested by either party.

4. If a duplicate set of approved plans is submitted for examination and approval at any time after a permit has been issued on the original approved plans, hourly charges for Departmental work shall be assessed.

B. Permit Fees If Plans and Specifications Are Not Required

1. Permit fees for electrical installations, additions and alterations for which plans and specifications are not required shall be as set forth in Table D-15 for 22.900D.150. The permit fee specified in Table D-15 for 22.900D.150 is due at the time of application.

2. Permit fees for temporary electrical installations shall be charged for services only at the rate set forth in Table D-15 for 22.900D.150.

3. If the base fee and DPD hourly rate are used to calculate the fee in Table D-15 for 22.900D.150, use Section 22.900B.010 to determine the permit fee.

4. Permit exemptions in the Electrical Code apply to the fees in 22.900D.150.

C. Phased permits

1. If an electrical project is proposed to be installed in phases and the Director determines that separate electrical permits may be issued for portions of the project, the permit fee for the initial permits shall be based on the estimated value of the work under that permit according to Table D-14 for 22.900D.150. The fee for the final permit shall be the fee based on the total value of the electrical installations minus the sum of the values of the initial permits.

2. If an applicant requests that an application for a permit be divided into separate applications subsequent to the initial submittal of a unified application, an additional fee shall be charged at the rate of one times the base fee for each separate application which results from the division.

Table D-14 for 22.900D.150 — Electrical Permit Fees (when plans are reviewed)	
Total Valuation	**Fee**
$0 to $1,000	$150 for the first $1,000 or fraction thereof
$1,001 to $5,000	$150 for the first $1,000 plus $6 for each additional $100 or fraction thereof
$5,001 to $50,000	$390 for the first $5,000 plus $2.50 for each additional $100.00 or fraction thereof
$50,001 to 100,000	$1,515 for the first $50,000 plus $2 for each additional $100 or fraction thereof
$100,001 to $500,000	$2,515 for the first $100,000 plus $7.50 for each additional $1,000 or fraction thereof
$500,001 to $1,000,000	$5,515 for the first $500,000 plus $6 for each additional $1,000 or fraction thereof
$1,000,001 to $3,000,000	$8,515 for the first $1,000,000 plus $4 for each additional $1,000 or fraction thereof
$3,000,001 and up	$16,515 for the first $3,000,000 plus $2 for each additional $1,000 or fraction thereof
Correction or revision review of Electrical Permits with plan review	DPD hourly rate, 1 hour minimum

Table D-15 for 22.900D.150 — Electrical Permit Fees (when plans are not required)		
1. Administrative Fee		
a. An administrative fee of $61 will be charged in addition to the other fees specified in this table for all items except item 9.		
b. An administrative fee of $49 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. Feeders[1]		
Size	**120v-480v**	**>480v**
15-25A	$14.35	¼ x base fee
30-50A	$30	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
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TABLE D-15 – Continued	
4. Connections, Devices and Branch Circuits[2]	
a. Connections	**Fee**
Light outlet, switches, receptacles, fixtures[3], residential-type fan	$1.80 each
Track lighting or multi-outlet assembly	$1.80 for every 2 feet of track
b. Devices and Branch Circuits	**Fee**
Dimmer (commercial 2,000 watt or over)	$19.50 each
Non-electrical furnace[4]	$14.35 each
Dedicated appliances & utilization circuits (cord and plug or direct wired)	
(15-25A)	$14.35 each
(30-50A)	$30 each
Range	$30 each
Water heater (220 volt)	$30 each
Floodlight[5]	$6.55 each
Sign	$37 each
5. Transformer Installations[6]	**Fee**
Up to 300 VA	$6.55
300 VA to 6 KVA	$14.35
7 KVA to 15 KVA	$44
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	$6.55
1/3 HP to ¾ HP	$14.35
1 HP to 3 HP	$21.50
4 HP to 5 HP	$28
6 HP to 20 HP	¼ x base fee
21 HP to 50 HP	½ x base fee
>51 HP	¾ x base fee
7. Electrical Furnaces and Heaters	**Fee**
Up to 2 KW	$6.55
2 KW to 5 KW	$14.35
6 KW to 15 KW	$18.45
16 KW to 30 KW	¼ x base fee
31 KW to 100 KW	½ x base fee
>101 KW	¾ x base fee
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TABLE D-15 – Continued		
8. Low-voltage and Communication Systems		**Fee**
a. Low-voltage systems[7] – sound systems, security systems, fire alarms, nurse call, industrial controls and similar		Requires separate permit for each system
Control unit		$11.25 each
Device (activating, horn, alarm, etc.)		$1.80 each
Control systems (>100 volts) shall be based on the feeder schedule.		
b. Communications systems[8] – voice cable, data cable, coaxial cable, fiber optics and similar		The maximum fee is $430
Control unit		$11.25 each
Outlet		$1.80 each
9. Special Events		
a. Inspections occurring during normal business hours – Hourly at the DPD hourly rate; minimum ½ hour		
b. Inspections occurring outside normal business hours – Hourly at the DPD hourly rate; minimum 1½ 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 ½ hour	
11. Renewable Energy Systems (photovoltaic, wind power generation, etc.)		
0 KW to 6 KW		¾ base fee
7 KW to 26 KW		1 x base fee
Over 26 KW		Plan review required
12. Size overcurrent protection for Electrical 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)	Charging Station **Level 3** (277-480 V 3 PHASE)
15 TO 25 AMP CHG STATION	$14.35	¼ x base fee
30 TO 50 AMP CHG STATION	$30	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
13. Selective Coordination Study Review – DPD hourly rate, 1 hour minimum		
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TABLE D-15 – Continued
Footnotes to Table D-15 for 22.900D.150: 1. Feeders will be charged only for (a) subpanels, (b) distribution panels, and (c) branch circuits of 60 amperes or over. 2. Fees will be charged according to either section 4a or 4b. Section 4a will be used only when fees according to section 4b cannot be determined. 3. Fixtures will be charged only for replacement, reinstallation or installation separate from light outlet wiring. 4. For furnaces where service exceeds 25 amperes, provided an additional feeder fee shall not be charged. For furnaces where service is 25 amperes or less, the furnace fee shall not apply provided a feeder fee is charged. 5. Outdoor area lighting (parking lots, streets, etc.). The floodlight fee is charged per luminaire. 6. The transformer fee includes the primary feeder and one secondary feeder up to and including the first panelboard or disconnect. Additional secondary panelboards or disconnecting means are charged at the appropriate feeder rate. 7. Low-voltage systems include, but are not limited to, systems listed in Chapter 7 of the National Electrical Code. 8. Communication systems include, but are not limited to, systems listed in Article 770 and Chapter 8 of the National Electrical Code.

D. Renewals and Reestablishment.

The fee to renew or reestablish an electrical permit is 1/2 times the base fee.

22.900D.160 Sign, awning and canopy permit fees

A. Permanent signs. For permanent signs, a permit fee of $120 shall be charged for the first 100 square feet or less of the total display area of the sign plus an additional charge of $19.45 for each 10 square feet or fraction thereof of total display area in excess of 100 square feet. The addition of a sign for one business entity to the structure requires a separate permit.

B. Directional Ground Signs. Directional ground signs between 5 and 7 square feet may be measured together and assessed a fee as if a single sign.

C. Sign area. For the purpose of this section, sign area shall be measured in accordance with Section 23.86.004 of the Land Use Code.

D. Wall signs. The maximum fee for signs painted on or otherwise applied directly to the building wall without a frame or mechanical fasteners is $548.

E. Awnings and canopies. A separate permit fee is required for the installation of awnings and canopies. The fee assessed for the installation is based on the valuation of the awning or canopy and is 100 percent of the Development Fee Index as calculated according to Table D-1 for 22.900D.010. This fee is separate from the fee for any sign on the awning or canopy.

F. Signs on awnings and canopies. A permit fee separate from the awning permit fee is required for a sign installed or painted on an awning or canopy. Signs for separate business entities are assessed a separate fee whether or not on a separate awning or canopy. The subsequent addition of a sign for one business entity requires a separate permit.

G. Engineering review. If an application requires a structural and soils engineering review by the Department, a fee will be charged at the DPD hourly rate in addition to the fees specified above in Section 22.900D.160. The fee to be charged shall be calculated using the DPD hourly rate as specified in Section 22.900B.010 for the DPD base fee and DPD hourly rate.

H. Time of payment. Permit fees for signs, awnings and canopies shall be paid at the time of application.

I. Renewal and Reestablishment. The fee to renew or reestablish a sign, awning or canopy permit is 1/2 the base rate.

22.900D.170 Design Commission fees

A. City Capital Improvement Projects, as Defined in SMC Section 3.58.020. Design Commission fees shall be assessed at a rate of three-tenths of one percent (0.3%) of the construction cost for City capital improvement projects for which billing will commence on or before December 31, 1998, except as specified in subsections B and D of this section. Billing will occur at the time of contract award by the Department of Finance, who will forward the bills to the Department for distribution to appropriate City departments. Payment will be made through a fund transfer to the Department Operating Fund.

B. Major City Capital Improvement Projects. Except as specified in subsection D of this section, Design Commission fees shall be assessed at a rate of up to three-tenths of one percent (0.3%) of the construction cost for major City capital improvement projects (greater than $10,000,000 construction budget) for which billing will commence on or before December 31, 1998. The fee shall be set through negotiations with the City Budget Director and the Design Commission. Billing shall occur in accordance with a schedule agreed upon by the City Budget Director and the Design Commission.

C. 1. For City capital improvement projects, as defined in Section 3.58.020, for which no billing commenced under subsection A or B on or before December 31, 1998, and that do not fall within an exception in subsection D of this section, the City Budget Director, the Design Commission, and each affected City department will attempt to agree on that department's projects, that are expected to be assessed by the Design Commission in the following year. If no agreement is reached by a date established by the City Budget Director, the City Budget Director will establish the list of such projects. The City Budget Director may establish the assessable appropriation of a City capital improvement below the actual appropriation in order that the project not be assessed an unduly high fee relative to the cost of the anticipated Design Commission review.

2. The City Budget Director will assess a uniform fee of up to one percent of the total of all departments' capital improvement project appropriations for those projects assessable for Design Commission fees. Such fee shall be set so as to be sufficient, when combined with other funding sources, to support the anticipated costs of the Design Commission for the following year, but in no case shall the fee exceed one percent.

3. The Director of Planning and Development shall bill each department in the amount determined by the City Budget Director, and that amount shall be paid by fund transfer to the Department Operating Fund.

4. If a capital improvement project's appropriation has been included in a fee assessed under this section, but Design Commission review of that project is delayed into a future year, that appropriation amount shall not be counted again in the calculation of the fee for any future

year. If review of a project on which a fee has been assessed under this subsection C is canceled, or if review commences on a project that, but for timeliness, would have been included but was not included in the calculation of a fee under this subsection C, the City Budget Director shall adjust the department's total assessable appropriation downwards or upwards, respectively, when establishing the subsequent year's fee.

D. Special Exceptions. The Commission will bill non-City projects at the hourly rate of $102 an hour per Commissioner for subcommittee review, or $717 an hour for full Commission review, except that fees may be waived, in whole or in part, at the discretion of the Commission with the concurrence of the City Budget Director in the following circumstances:

   1. Whenever Commission fees, if charged, would be disproportionate to the sums available and could cause abandonment of the project for the following types of projects: artworks, projects funded by grants and donations, neighborhood self-help projects undertaken by volunteers and nonprofit organizations, and small capital improvements;

   2. For low-income and special needs housing projects subject to Design Commission review.

E. Street Use Permit Reviews.

   Street use permit reviews, which are required before issuance of a street use permit for improvements within the public right-of-way, will be billed at the hourly rate of $102 an hour per Commissioner for subcommittee review, or $717 an hour for full Commission review. Billing will be sent to the Seattle Department of Transportation for inclusion into the plan review costs charged to the applicant, or be billed directly by the Department. For those projects billed through the Seattle Department of Transportation, payment will be made by a fund transfer from the Seattle Transportation Operating Fund to the Department Operating Fund from funds paid by the applicant.

F. Early Master Use Permit Stage or Projects Outside City Contract Process. For design review at an early Master Use Permit stage or for projects outside The City of Seattle contract award process, Design Commission fees will be billed by the Department at an hourly rate of $102 an hour per Commissioner for subcommittee review, or $717 an hour for full Commission review.

CHAPTER 22.900E —
FEES FOR CERTIFICATES AND REGISTRATIONS

22.900E.010 Off-premises advertising sign (billboard) registration fees

A registration fee of 3/4 times the base rate shall be charged initially to establish and annually to renew each face of an off-premises advertising sign (billboard). The renewal fees are due on July 1 of each year.

22.900E.020 Boiler and pressure vessel certificates of operation

A. The fee for certificates of operation for boilers and pressure vessels shall be charged in accordance with Table E-1 for 22.900E.020. Where the inspection is performed by the City, the certificate fee includes the certificate of operation, the inspection and one reinspection, if necessary.

B. Fees for boiler and pressure vessels that are inspected by authorized insurance company inspectors are 50 percent of those set forth in Table E-1 for 22.900E.020, but the 50 percent rate shall not apply to the charges for controls and limit devices for automatic boilers specified in Table E-1 for 22.900E.020. No fee shall be less than the minimum fee.

Table E-1 for 22.900E.020 — Fees for Certificates of Operation for Boilers and Pressure Vessels

Type of Installation			Reinspection and Certificate Fee
Boilers[2]	Heating By Combustion Products Heating Surface (In Square Feet)	Heated By Electricity Electric Power Input (In KW)	
	0–250	0–200	$118
	251–500	201–400	$220
	501–750	401–600	$323
	751–1,000	601–800	$497
	Over 1,000	Over 800	$614
Controls and limit devices for automatic boilers (Charged in addition to those fees listed above)	Automatic boilers (input)		Annual
	0–12,500,000 Btu		$118
	Over 12,500,000		$146
Monitoring systems for automatic boiler (Charged in addition to those fees listed above)			Annual $293
Unfired pressure vessels[1,2]		Rating Size	Biennial
		0–15	$68
		16–30	$118
		31–50	$192
		51–100	$250
		Over 100	$368
Domestic water heaters located in Group A, E or I Occupancy			Biennial $45

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TABLE E-1 – Continued
Footnotes to Table E-1 for 22.900E.020: 1. Rating size is the product of the two greatest dimensions of the vessel: diameter X overall length for the cylindrical vessels; maximum width X maximum length for rectangular vessels. 2. Fees for low-pressure hot water supply boilers installed prior to January 1, 1989, consisting of tanks whose contents are heated by electric elements shall be charged at the same rates that apply to unfired vessels of the same size.

22.900E.030 Fees for elevator certificates of inspection

A. Certificates of inspection for elevators will be issued upon acceptance inspection and for each subsequent annual reinspection after payment of the fee set in Table E-2 for 22.900E.030.

B. The fee for renewal of a certificate of inspection to operate any conveyance is as set in Table E-2 for 22.900E.030.

C. For purposes of assessing the fees set in Table E-2 for 22.900E.030, each separately-powered unit is considered a separate conveyance. Separate applications and permits are required for each conveyance. (See Seattle Building Code Section 3006.1.)

Table E-2 for 22.900E.030 — Fees for Elevator Certificates of Inspection

Type of Conveyance	Fee for Each Conveyance
Hydraulic elevators	$166
Cable elevators[1,2]	$226 plus $17.40 for each hoistway opening in excess of two
Sidewalk elevators	$151
Hand-powered elevators	$151
Dumbwaiters	$151
Escalators and moving walks	$226
Accessibility lifts (vertical and inclined)	$151
Material lifts	$151
Fire emergency systems, Phase I or both Phase I and Phase II	$76

Footnotes to Table E-2 for 22.900E.030:

1. Elevators having a continuous hoistway wall of 100 feet or more without openings shall be charged a fee of $368 plus $16.90 for each hoistway opening in excess of two.
2. The fee for roped hydraulic elevators is the same as cable elevators.

22.900E.040 Refrigeration systems annual operating permit fee

The annual operating permit fee for any refrigeration system is calculated according to Table E-3 for 22.900E.040. The fee for multiple systems on a single premises is based upon the total motor horsepower at the premises.

Table E-3 for 22.900E.040— Refrigeration Systems Annual Operating Fees	
Size of equipment	**Fee**
0 – 50 HP	$114
51 – 100 HP	$173
Over 100 HP	$244
Over 100 HP (Type 2 refrigerant)	$357

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

A. Fees for boiler, refrigeration and gas piping examination and annual license fees, payable in advance, shall be charged as set in Table E-4 for 22.900E.050.

B. If a license is issued that will expire in less than six months from the date of issuance, the fee is 1/2 the annual fee set in Table E-4 for 22.900E.050.

Table E-4 for 22.900E.050 — Fees for Boiler, Refrigeration, and Gas Piping Licenses and Examinations	
License fees:	
Refrigeration Contractor	
Class A	$194
Class B	$194
Class C	$309
Journeyman refrigeration mechanic	$87
Refrigeration operating engineer	$87
Steam engineers and boiler firemen (all grades)	$87
Boiler supervisor, all grades	$96
Gas piping mechanic	$87
Examination fees – all licenses	$39

22.900E.060 Registration of special inspectors

A. The fee for the initial examination of an applicant for registration as a registered special inspector, including the Special Inspector Certificate of Registration, shall be charged at the rate of 1.5 times the base fee.

B. Special inspectors who wish to be registered for additional categories shall take an examination for each new category. The fee for each additional examination shall be charged at the rate of one times the base fee.

C. The fee for renewal of a Special Inspector Certificate of Registration covering one or more types of inspection for which the registrant has been qualified is $48.

D. The fee for a special inspector to repeat an examination shall be charged at the rate of one times the base fee.

22.900E.070 Certification of fabrication plants

A fee of three times the base fee shall be charged for certification of an approved fabricator's manufacturing plant at the time of initial application for approval. The fee to renew an approved fabricator's manufacturing plant certification is 1.5 times the base fee.

22.900E.080 Revisions to current special inspection authorizations

When changes to the authorized special inspections or inspectors are requested, separate from a permit revision, a fee shall be charged for each additional change, after the first such change. The fee is 1/2 times the base fee for any changes that occur at one time for a single permit. All fees shall be paid prior to final Department approval of the special inspections.

22.900E.090 Floating Home Registration Fee

When subsection 23.60A.202.G of the ordinance introduced as C.B. 117585 becomes effective, a fee shall be charged to the owner of each floating home that is allowed under subsection 23.60A.202.A to recover the costs of the program for issuing registration numbers for floating homes established in subsection 23.60A.202.G.

CHAPTER 22.900F —
COMPLIANCE AND OTHER INSPECTIONS

22.900F.010 Monitoring vacant buildings

A. A quarterly reinspection fee shall be charged as set forth in Table F-1 for 22.900F.010 for reinspections of buildings closed pursuant to or in response to the requirements of the Housing and Building Maintenance Code. Building and premises shall be maintained in compliance with the standards of the Housing and Building Maintenance Code, Land Use Code, Solid Waste Code and Weeds and Vegetation Ordinance.

Table F-1 for 22.900F.010 — Monitoring Vacant Buildings

Condition of Premises	Fee
Building is closed to entry and premises are in compliance with applicable codes.	$213
Building is closed to entry and premises are not in compliance with applicable codes.	$354
Building is not closed to entry regardless of compliance with applicable codes.	$425

B. The Department shall send a bill to the taxpayer and/or owner of record of each property inspected.

22.900F.020 Noise fees

A. Certain construction and land use proposals require noise survey reviews. Project review shall be charged according to Table F-2 for 22.900F.020. Any hourly fees owed shall be paid prior to the publication of a decision on the application and prior to issuance of the permit. Accrued hours, actual charges and fees paid shall be reconciled and all outstanding balances shall be due and payable on demand. In cases where no published decision is required, hourly fees owed shall be paid prior to issuance of the permit, or issuance of a letter.

B. Noise Variances.

1. Applications for noise variances shall be charged according to Table F-2 for 22.900F.020, except for applications for temporary noise variances as components of a master filming permit issued pursuant to Section 15.35.010 which shall be charged as part of the single fee for the master filming permit.
2. In addition to the amounts specified in Table F-2 for 22.900F.020, applicants shall reimburse the Department for actual costs associated with review of the application.
3. The fee for renewal of noise variances is the same as for new applications.
4. Fees for noise variances are not refundable.

Table F-2 for 22.900F.020 — Noise Fees				
Type	**Permit Fee**	**Land Use Review**	**Other Project Hourly Fees**	**Inspection and Enforcement**
Temporary noise variance (No separate fee when issued as part of a master filming permit)	DPD base fee X 1	None	None	DPD hourly rate – 1 hour minimum[1]
Economic, Technical, or Major Public Project variance	DPD base fee X 1	Land Use hourly rate	DPD hourly rate – 2 hour minimum	DPD hourly rate – 2 hour minimum[1]
Noise survey reviews, inspections and monitoring on Land Use and Construction permits	None	None	DPD hourly rate – 1 hour minimum	None

Footnote to Table F-2 for 22.900F.020:

1. Inspection and Enforcement Minimum fee shall be paid at the time of Permit Issuance, any hourly fees beyond the minimum shall be paid prior to permit Final or Occupancy.

22.900F.030 Research and inspection on notices of violation

The fee to conduct research to issue a certificate to clear the title records of a property cited with a Notice of Violation shall be charged at the rate of 1/2 times the base fee. If an inspection in the field is also performed an additional fee at the rate of one times the base fee shall be charged.

22.900F.040 Advisory Housing and Building Maintenance Code and condominium conversion inspection

A. The fee for advisory inspections requested pursuant to the Housing and Building Maintenance Code or inspections required by the Condominium Conversion Ordinance and the Cooperative Conversion Ordinance shall be charged at the rate of 2.5 times the base fee for inspecting a building and one housing unit plus a charge at the rate of 0.75 times the base fee for inspecting each additional housing unit in the same building. No additional fee shall be charged for one follow-up inspection, if requested.

B. Additional reinspections requested or required after the first reinspection shall be charged a fee at the rate of one times the base fee for each building and one housing unit plus 0.25 times the base fee for each additional housing unit in the same building.

22.900F.050 House barge licenses

The fee for a house barge license is $395. The fee to renew a house barge license is $193.

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.

CHAPTER 22.900G — FEES COLLECTED FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS

22.900G.010 Fees for Department of Neighborhoods review

The following fees shall be collected by the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods and deposited in the General Fund unless otherwise specified.

A. Certificate of Approval Fees. There is a charge for a certificate of approval as required by all applicable ordinances for the construction or alteration of property in a designated special review district, Landmark, Landmark District, or historic district of $10 for construction costs of $1,500 or less, plus $10 for each additional $5,000 of construction costs up to a maximum fee of $1,000 except that if an applicant applies for a certificate-of approval for the preliminary design of a project and later applies for a certificate of approval for a subsequent phase or phases of the same project, a fee shall only be charged for the first application. There is an additional charge of $10 for a certificate of use approval in the Pioneer Square Preservation District, the Pike Place Market Historical District and the International Special Review District.

B. Special Valuation Program for Historic Properties. There is a charge of $250 for review by the Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board of applications for special tax valuation for historic properties pursuant to the Historic Property Act (RCW Chapter 84.26). A fee for Board review of proposed alterations to historic properties shall be charged according to the schedule of fees set forth in Section 22.900G.010. A (Certificate of Approval Fees).

C. Public School Citizen Advisory Committee Fees. There is a charge of $100 an hour for convening and staffing School Use Citizen Advisory Committees and School Departure Citizen Advisory Committees.

D. Major Institution Citizen Advisory Committee Fees. The fee for convening and staffing of Citizen Advisory Committees for the routine annual review of approved master plans and/or the review of master plan amendments is $100 an hour. The fee for convening and staffing of Citizen Advisory Committees for new master plans and for amendments to master plans is $100 an hour.

E. Environmental (SEPA) Review of Projects. Review of referrals pursuant to Sections 25.05.675.H.2.c and 25.05.675.H.2.d. by the City Historic Preservation Officer is charged at $250 an hour.

F. Landmark Reviews. Review of a building, site or object's eligibility as a Seattle landmark pursuant to Section 25.05.800.B or upon request is charged at $250 an hour.

G. Requests for reviewing character structure TDP sending sites in the Pike/Pine Conservation Overlay District. The Department of Neighborhoods' hourly review fee is $250 an hour for determining whether a character structure may, if requested by a property owner, be added to the list of character structures in the Department of Planning and Development Director's Rule promulgated according to Section 23.73.005.

22.900G.015 Fees for review by the Office of Housing

A. An applicant for a land use permit who seeks to obtain extra floor area pursuant to Sections 23.48.011, 23.49.012, 23.49.014, 23.49.015, 23.49.181, 23.50.052, 23.50.053, 23.58A.014, 23.58A.024, or 23.73.024 shall pay a fee in the amount of $550 to the Department for transfer to the Office of Housing for review of the application.

B. This subsection 22.900G.015.B applies to low-income housing units that are subject to an agreement pursuant to Sections 23.48.011, 23.49.012, 23.49.014, 23.49.015, 23.50.052, 23.50.053, 23.58A.014 or 23.58A.024.

   1. An owner of such housing shall pay an annual monitoring fee of $65 per unit of low-income rental housing to the Office of Housing to determine compliance with bonus and/or TDR requirements. The fee is not required in any year when, in consideration of the City of Seattle's agreement to make a loan for the purpose of providing long-term affordable housing for low-income households, a regulatory agreement that grants The City of Seattle covenants, restrictions, charges and easements is recorded against the property on which the low-income rental housing is located and is in effect.

   2. An owner of an owner-occupied low-income housing unit shall, prior to closing any sale or other transfer of the unit after the initial sale or transfer, pay a fee in the amount of $300 to the Office of Housing to determine compliance with bonus and/or TDR requirements.

C. Fees in the MPC-YT zone.

   1. An applicant for a land use permit who seeks to provide 80 percent of area median income housing to meet an affordable housing production condition in Section 23.75.085 shall pay a fee in the amount of $550 to the Department of Planning and Development for transfer to the Office of Housing for review of the application.

   2. This subsection 22.900G.015.C.2 applies to 80 percent of area median income housing that is provided to meet an affordable housing production condition in Section 23.75.085:

      a. An owner of such housing shall pay an annual monitoring fee of $65 per rental unit of 80 percent of area median income rental housing to the Office of Housing to determine compliance with Section 23.75.085.

      b. An owner of an owner-occupied unit of 80 percent of area median income housing shall, prior to closing any sale or other transfer of the unit after the initial sale or transfer, pay a fee in the amount of $300 to the Office of Housing to determine compliance with Section 23.75.085.

22.900G.020 Fees for review by the Seattle Department of Transportation

The fees for Seattle Department of Transportation Review (subsections 22.900A.040.B and 22.900A.040.C and Section 15.04.074) shall be collected by the Department for transfer to the Department of Transportation. The fees are for review and inspection services associated with the following:

1. School Use and School Development Advisory Committee;
2. Major Institution Master Plans;
3. Development (MUP) review;

4. Pre-development submittal conferences and coordination;
5. Traffic impact analysis; and
6. Shoring and Excavation.

22.900G.030 Fees for review by Public Health – Seattle & King County

A. Fees for fuel gas piping shall be collected by the Director of Public Health. The gas piping installation fee is calculated according to Table G-2 for 22.900G.030. A minimum of $140 is nonrefundable.

B. The fee shall not apply to the installation of any domestic hot-water heaters or any other domestic gas-fired appliance connected to a plumbing system whenever such appliance or heater is included in a plumbing installation for which a basic plumbing permit has been issued.

C. A reinspection fee for fuel gas piping of $130 may be assessed for each inspection when such portion of work for which inspection is called is not complete or when corrections called for are not made. This is not to be interpreted as requiring inspection fees the first time a job is rejected for failure to comply with the requirements of this Code, but as controlling the practice of calling for inspection or reinspection.

   Reinspection fees may be assessed when the permit is not properly posted on the work site, the work to be inspected is not under test, and for failure to make required corrections. To obtain a reinspection the applicant shall file an application therefore in writing upon a form furnished for that purpose, and pay the reinspection fee in accordance with this code. In instances in which reinspection fees have been assessed, no additional inspection of the work will be performed until the required fees have been paid.

Table G-2 for 22.900G.030 — Gas Piping Installation Fee

# of Outlets	Fee
1-4	$140
5-6	$175
7-9	$210
10	$245
11 on	$245 + $10/outlet

22.900G.040 Fees for review by the Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs

The fee for services furnished by the Seattle Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs is $50.00 per hour. The minimum charge is $200.00.

22.900G.050 Presubmittal conferences for other departments

The Department is authorized to collect fees for Seattle Public Utilities, Seattle Department of Transportation, Department of Parks and Recreation, Seattle Fire Department, Seattle City Light and Seattle-King County Department of Public Health for presubmittal conferences and presubmittal coordination. The amount to be charged by each department shall be set by the department.

22.900G.060 Fees for review by the Seattle Fire Department

The fees for Fire Department Plan Review (Section 22.900A.040.C) shall be collected by the Department for transfer to the Seattle Fire Department.

22.900G.070 Fees for review by the Department of Parks and Recreation

The fees for Department of Parks and Recreation Plan Review (subsection 22.900A.040.C) shall be collected by the Department for transfer to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

CHAPTER 22.900H — RENTAL REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION ORDINANCE PROGRAM FEES

22.900H.010 Purpose

This Chapter 22.900H contains fees for the Rental Registration and Inspection Ordinance program required by Chapter 22.214.

22.900H.020 Rental housing registration and renewal fee

The fee for registering a property containing rental housing units shall be $175 for the first rental housing unit plus an additional fee of $2 for each additional rental unit. The fee shall be payable at the time the registration application is received by the Department. The fee for renewing a rental housing registration is the same as the rental housing registration fee and is payable at the time the renewal application is received by the Department.

22.900H.030 Rental housing registration and renewal late fee

The fee for registering a property containing rental housing units late or renewing a rental housing registration late shall be $20 for registrations or renewals postmarked or received by the Department after the registration deadline. This late fee shall be in addition to the registration fee or renewal fee and any applicable penalties provided for in Chapter 22.214.

22.900H.040 Rental housing registration reinstatement fee

The fee for reinstating a revoked rental housing registration is $300 and is payable at the time of reinstatement.

22.900H.050 Private qualified rental housing inspector training and registration fees

The fee for private qualified rental housing inspector training is $50 and is payable in advance of the training. The fee for registering as a private qualified rental housing inspector is $200 and is payable at the time of registration.

22.900H.060 Rental housing unit inspection fees if the Department serves as a qualified rental housing inspector

The fee for the Department to serve as a qualified rental housing inspector to perform a rental housing unit inspection for a property and one housing unit is $130. The fee for the Department to inspect each additional housing unit on the same property is $25. The inspection fee is paid in advance of the inspection. The Department shall not charge for additional re-inspections for each unit the Department initially inspected to confirm that repairs required to pass the rental housing unit inspection and obtain a Certificate of Compliance have been completed.

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WASHINGTON STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL FEE

RCW 19.27.085
Building code council account — Building permit fee.

(1) There is hereby created the building code council account in the state treasury. Moneys deposited into the account shall be used by the building code council, after appropriation, to perform the purposes of the council.

(2) All moneys collected under subsection (3) of this section shall be deposited into the building code council account. Every four years the state treasurer shall report to the legislature on the balances in the account so that the legislature may adjust the charges imposed under subsection (3) of this section.

(3) There is imposed a fee of four dollars and fifty cents on each building permit issued by a county or a city, plus an additional surcharge of two dollars for each residential unit, but not including the first unit, on each building containing more than one (1) residential unit. Quarterly each county and city shall remit moneys collected under this section to the state treasury; however, no remittance is required until a minimum of fifty (50) dollars has accumulated pursuant to this subsection.

[1989 c 256 § 1; 1985 c 360 § 4.]