

2025 Fee Changes

– January 1, 2025 –

Fee Changes for 2025

The Seattle City Council recently adopted the 2025 budget, including legislation that implements SDCI fee changes.

On January 1, 2025, SDCI implemented an inflationary increase of 6.5% to most fees. These fee increases changed SDCI's base hourly rate to \$274 per hour, and changed the Land Use hourly rate to \$467 per hour.

The boiler and conveyance annual inspection programs need to hire additional staff to maintain current performance on annual inspections, and require fee increases beyond the 6.5% inflationary increase. Boiler annual inspection fees increased 16.5% and conveyance annual inspection fees increased 14% for 2025.

Finally, Fee Subtitle table D-1, that sets building permit fees, increased in 2025 to account for post-pandemic development trends of building construction. For 2025, construction permit fees increased by an average of 12%, with larger value projects seeing fee increases of 19%.

Resources

The new Director's Rule, Building Valuation Table, and other fee-related information are available on our [Fee Code](#) webpage.



– Questions about Fees? –

Land Use Permits | Building Permits | Boiler and Conveyance Inspections | Electrical Permits

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SDCI 2025 D-1 Table Impacts: Example Projects

500 Sq. Ft. DADU	2024	2025	\$ Change	% Change
Project value	\$86,975	\$88,710	\$1,735	2.0%
Plan review and permit fee	\$2,553	\$2,802	\$249	9.8%
Housing units	1	1		
Sq. ft. per unit	500	500		
Fee per unit	\$2,553	\$2,802	\$249	9.8%

1,500 Sq. Ft. Single-Family House with Garage	2024	2025	\$ Change	% Change
Project value	\$287,881	\$293,630	\$5,749	2.0%
Plan review and permit fee	\$4,888	\$5,571	\$683	14.0%
Housing units	1	1		
Sq. ft. per unit	1,500	1,500		
Fee per unit	\$4,888	\$5,571	\$683	14.0%

6,000 Sq. Ft. 3-Unit Large Townhouse	2024	2025	\$ Change	% Change
Project value	\$1,043,700	\$1,064,520	\$20,820	2.0%
Plan review and permit fee	\$12,532	\$14,894	\$2,362	18.8%
Housing units	3	3		
Sq. ft. per unit	2,000	2,000		
Fee per unit	\$4,177	\$14,894	\$2,362	18.8%

21,000 Sq. Ft. 35-Unit Apartment Building	2024	2025	\$ Change	% Change
Project value	\$3,403,680	\$3,471,510	\$67,830	2.0%
Plan review and permit fee	\$33,346	\$39,644	\$6,298	18.9%
Housing units	35	35		
Sq. ft. per unit	600	600		
Fee per unit	\$953	\$1,133	\$6,298	18.9%

5,000 Sq. Ft. Bank	2024	2025	\$ Change	% Change
Project value	\$933,500	\$952,150	\$18,650	2.0%
Plan review and permit fee	\$11,454	\$13,582	\$2,128	18.6%

