

2019 - 2020 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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Budget Action Title: Pass CB 119387 SDCI's Rental Registration and Inspection Ordinance Fee Legislation

Ongoing: Yes

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Budget Proviso: No

Primary Sponsor: Budget Chair

Councilmembers:

Staff Analyst: Aly Pennucci

Council Bill or Resolution: CB 119387

Date	Total	BC	SB	TM	LG	BH	LH	RJ	DJ	MO	KS
	Yes										
	No										
	Abstain										
	Absent										

Budget Action description:

This green sheet recommends passage of Council Bill (CB) 119387, the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections' Rental Registration and Inspection Ordinance (RRIO) Fee Legislation. The proposed legislation is the first time that core RRIO fees will be revisited since fees were first collected in 2014. The legislation would shorten the renewal cycle for rental registrations from five to two years. In addition, property registration fees will be reduced while unit fees for renewals are increased to account for the extra work required for multi-unit properties, such as the multi-unit auditing requirements added in 2017. The legislation does not increase the annual registration cost to a single unit property owner because the property base fee covers the work related to single-unit properties. Table 1 below illustrates the existing and proposed RRIO registration fees.

Table 1: Existing and Proposed RRIO Registration Fees

	Existing 5-year Registration Fee		Proposed 2-year Registration Fee	
	Full Cost	Annual Cost	Full Cost	Annual Cost
Property	\$175	\$35	\$70	\$35
Additional Cost Per Unit	\$2	\$0.40	\$15	\$7.50

In addition to updating registration and inspection fees, the proposed legislation would:

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- Establish a new private inspection submittal fee to capture the cost of processing inspections performed by private inspectors;
- Add a late inspection fee and increases the late registration/renewal fee to recoup extra costs associated with late submittals and to provide a disincentive for late submittals; and
- Adjust other fees to better reflect the cost of performing the work.

If the RRIO fees are not adjusted the RRIO program will not achieve cost recovery.