



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Legislative Summary

CB 119355

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Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to Seattle Public Utilities; amending Sections 21.33.030 and 21.76.040 of the Seattle Municipal Code to adjust drainage rates.

Date

Notes:

Filed with City Clerk:

Mayor's Signature:

Sponsors: Herbold

Vetoed by Mayor:

Veto Overridden:

Veto Sustained:

Attachments:

Drafter: bob.hennessey@seattle.gov

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Yes.

No

Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Mayor	08/28/2018	Mayor's leg transmitted to Council	City Clerk			
1	City Clerk	08/28/2018	sent for review	Council President's Office			
	Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was sent for review. to the Council President's Office						
	Notes:						
1	Council President's Office	08/28/2018	sent for review	Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development, and Arts Committee			
	Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was sent for review. to the Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development, and Arts Committee						
	Notes:						

Legislative Summary Continued (CB 119355)

1	City Council	09/10/2018	referred	Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development, and Arts Committee	
1	Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development, and Arts Committee	09/11/2018			
1	Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development, and Arts Committee	09/21/2018	pass		Pass
	Action Text:	The Committee recommends that City Council pass the Council Bill (CB).			
	Notes:				
		In Favor:	2	Chair Herbold, Member O'Brien	
		Opposed:	0		
1	City Council	10/01/2018	passed		Pass
	Action Text:	The Council Bill (CB) was passed by the following vote, and the President signed the Bill:			
	Notes:				
		In Favor:	8	Councilmember Bagshaw, Councilmember González , Council President Harrell, Councilmember Herbold, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Juarez, Councilmember Mosqueda, Councilmember O'Brien	
		Opposed:	0		
		Absent(NV):	1	Councilmember Sawant	
1	City Clerk	10/03/2018	submitted for Mayor's signature	Mayor	
1	Mayor	10/05/2018	Signed		
1	Mayor	10/10/2018	returned	City Clerk	
1	City Clerk	10/10/2018	attested by City Clerk		
	Action Text:	The Ordinance (Ord) was attested by City Clerk.			
	Notes:				

CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE 125686

COUNCIL BILL 119355

AN ORDINANCE relating to Seattle Public Utilities; amending Sections 21.33.030 and 21.76.040 of the Seattle Municipal Code to adjust drainage rates.

WHEREAS, Seattle City Council Resolution 31760, adopted on November 13, 2017, adopted a 2018-2023 Strategic Business Plan Update for Seattle Public Utilities (SPU), which guides utility investments, service levels, and rate paths through 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Business Plan Update includes increases in the capital and operating requirements of the Drainage and Wastewater Fund in response to federal and state regulatory requirements, as well as environmental and infrastructure concerns, with a resulting increase in revenue requirements; and

WHEREAS, SPU identified wastewater and drainage infrastructure needs requiring additional capital funding; and

WHEREAS, drainage credits for qualified low-income customers, including those not billed directly by SPU, whose credits are based on typical residential bills, need to be revised to reflect the changes in drainage rates; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subsection 21.33.030.D of the Seattle Municipal Code, which section was last amended by Ordinance 125443, is amended as follows:

21.33.030 Drainage service charges and drainage rates—Schedule—Exemptions

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D. Drainage rates used in the calculation of drainage service charges shall be the sum of the treatment rate and the system rate, as follows:

1 1. Treatment rate. The “treatment rate” shall be the rate required to pay the
2 drainage share of “treatment cost,” which is the cost of wastewater treatment, interception and
3 disposal service, and any associated costs necessary to meet Drainage and Wastewater Fund
4 policies. The treatment rate shall be the amount obtained when (a) the projected drainage
5 treatment cost for each rate category is divided by (b) the projected number of billing units in
6 each rate category and the result is multiplied by ~~((118))~~ 117 percent to cover the costs of taxes,
7 low income rate assistance, and other allowances. The projected treatment cost shall be the
8 treatment cost anticipated for the upcoming calendar year, which may include an adjustment to
9 reflect the difference, whether positive or negative, between the drainage share of expected total
10 treatment cost for the current year and the total drainage service charge revenues attributable to
11 the treatment rate expected for the current year. The treatment rate is designed to pass through
12 cost changes driven by King County and may be adjusted by ordinance at any time in response to
13 such charges.

14 2. System rate. The “system rate” shall be the rate required to fund the
15 expense associated with operating, maintaining, and constructing the City’s surface and
16 stormwater management system, including any share of combined sanitary and stormwater
17 system expense assigned to drainage.

1 3. The rate categories and the corresponding annual drainage rates are as
 2 follows:
 3 ((Effective January 1, 2017))

((Rate Category		Treatment Rate	System Rate	Total Drainage Rate	Billing Unit
Small Residential					
	Under 2000 sq. ft.	\$13.68	\$126.78	\$140.46	per parcel
	2000-2999 sq. ft.	\$20.79	\$210.68	\$231.47	per parcel
	3000-4999 sq. ft.	\$30.21	\$288.84	\$319.05	per parcel
	5000-6999 sq. ft.	\$41.20	\$391.25	\$432.45	per parcel
	7000-9999 sq. ft.	\$52.04	\$491.94	\$543.98	per parcel
General Service/Large Residential					
Undeveloped	(0-15% impervious)				
	Regular	\$3.37	\$31.39	\$34.76	per 1000 Sq Ft
	Low Impact	\$1.98	\$18.69	\$20.67	per 1000 Sq Ft
Light	(16-35% impervious)				
	Regular	\$5.17	\$48.37	\$53.54	per 1000 Sq Ft
	Low Impact	\$4.07	\$38.19	\$42.26	per 1000 Sq Ft
Moderate	(36-65% impervious)				
	Regular	\$7.48	\$70.12	\$77.60	per 1000 Sq Ft
	Low Impact	\$6.05	\$56.81	\$62.86	per 1000 Sq Ft
Heavy	(66-85% impervious)	\$9.87	\$92.61	\$102.48	per 1000 Sq Ft
Very Heavy	(86-100% impervious)	\$11.83	\$111.11	\$122.94	per 1000 Sq Ft

4 Effective January 1, 2018

Rate Category		Treatment Rate	System Rate	Total Drainage Rate	Billing Unit
Small Residential					
	Under 2,000 sq. ft.	\$13.75	\$145.93	\$159.68	per parcel
	2,000-2,999 sq. ft.	\$20.90	\$238.78	\$259.68	per parcel
	3,000-4,999 sq. ft.	\$30.38	\$325.77	\$356.15	per parcel
	5,000-6,999 sq. ft.	\$41.43	\$439.43	\$480.86	per parcel
	7,000-9,999 sq. ft.	\$52.33	\$551.57	\$603.90	per parcel

Rate Category	Treatment Rate	System Rate	Total Drainage Rate	Billing Unit
General Service/Large Residential				
Undeveloped (0–15% impervious)				
Regular	\$3.39	\$35.39	\$38.78	per 1,000 ((Sq Ft)) sq. ft.
Low Impact	\$1.99	\$21.07	\$23.06	per 1,000 ((Sq Ft)) sq. ft.
Light (16–35% impervious)				
Regular	\$5.20	\$54.04	\$59.24	per 1,000 ((Sq Ft)) sq. ft.
Low Impact	\$4.09	\$42.65	\$46.74	per 1,000 ((Sq Ft)) sq. ft.
Moderate (36–65% impervious)				
Regular	\$7.52	\$77.93	\$85.45	per 1,000 ((Sq Ft)) sq. ft.
Low Impact	\$6.09	\$63.19	\$69.28	per 1,000 ((Sq Ft)) sq. ft.
Heavy (66–85% impervious)	\$9.92	\$102.65	\$112.57	per 1,000 ((Sq Ft)) sq. ft.
Very Heavy (86–100% impervious)	\$11.89	\$122.96	\$134.85	per 1,000 ((Sq Ft)) sq. ft.

1 Effective January 1, 2019

Rate Category	Treatment Rate	System Rate	Total Drainage Rate	Billing Unit
Small Residential				
Under 2,000 sq. ft.	\$12.71	\$157.10	\$169.81	per parcel
2,000–2,999 sq. ft.	\$21.98	\$254.53	\$276.51	per parcel
3,000–4,999 sq. ft.	\$30.32	\$353.11	\$383.43	per parcel
5,000–6,999 sq. ft.	\$41.27	\$475.45	\$516.72	per parcel
7,000–9,999 sq. ft.	\$52.43	\$600.18	\$652.61	per parcel
General Service/Large Residential				
Undeveloped (0–15% impervious)				
Regular	\$3.45	\$39.17	\$42.62	per 1,000 sq. ft.
Low Impact	\$2.03	\$23.33	\$25.36	per 1,000 sq. ft.
Light (16–35% impervious)				
Regular	\$5.18	\$58.46	\$63.64	per 1,000 sq. ft.
Low Impact	\$4.05	\$45.80	\$49.85	per 1,000 sq. ft.

<u>Rate Category</u>	<u>Treatment Rate</u>	<u>System Rate</u>	<u>Total Drainage Rate</u>	<u>Billing Unit</u>
<u>Moderate (36–65% impervious)</u>				
Regular	\$7.39	\$83.19	\$90.58	per 1,000 sq. ft.
Low Impact	\$5.97	\$67.34	\$73.31	per 1,000 sq. ft.
Heavy (66–85% impervious)	\$9.80	\$110.06	\$119.86	per 1,000 sq. ft.
Very Heavy (86–100% impervious)	\$11.70	\$131.40	\$143.10	per 1,000 sq. ft.

1 Effective January 1, 2020

<u>Rate Category</u>	<u>Treatment Rate</u>	<u>System Rate</u>	<u>Total Drainage Rate</u>	<u>Billing Unit</u>
<u>Small Residential</u>				
Under 2,000 sq. ft.	\$12.88	\$170.59	\$183.47	per parcel
2,000–2,999 sq. ft.	\$22.29	\$276.46	\$298.75	per parcel
3,000–4,999 sq. ft.	\$30.74	\$383.52	\$414.26	per parcel
5,000–6,999 sq. ft.	\$41.85	\$516.42	\$558.27	per parcel
7,000–9,999 sq. ft.	\$53.16	\$651.93	\$705.09	per parcel
<u>General Service/Large Residential</u>				
<u>Undeveloped (0–15% impervious)</u>				
Regular	\$3.50	\$42.55	\$46.05	per 1,000 sq. ft.
Low Impact	\$2.06	\$25.34	\$27.40	per 1,000 sq. ft.
<u>Light (16–35% impervious)</u>				
Regular	\$5.25	\$63.50	\$68.75	per 1,000 sq. ft.
Low Impact	\$4.10	\$49.75	\$53.85	per 1,000 sq. ft.
<u>Moderate (36–65% impervious)</u>				
Regular	\$7.49	\$90.37	\$97.86	per 1,000 sq. ft.
Low Impact	\$6.06	\$73.15	\$79.21	per 1,000 sq. ft.
Heavy (66–85% impervious)	\$9.93	\$119.57	\$129.50	per 1,000 sq. ft.
Very Heavy (86–100% impervious)	\$11.87	\$142.73	\$154.60	per 1,000 sq. ft.

2 Effective January 1, 2021

<u>Rate Category</u>	<u>Treatment Rate</u>	<u>System Rate</u>	<u>Total Drainage Rate</u>	<u>Billing Unit</u>
<u>Small Residential</u>				
Under 2,000 sq. ft.	\$12.88	\$184.60	\$197.48	per parcel
2,000–2,999 sq. ft.	\$22.29	\$299.22	\$321.51	per parcel
3,000–4,999 sq. ft.	\$30.74	\$415.09	\$445.83	per parcel

<u>Rate Category</u>	<u>Treatment Rate</u>	<u>System Rate</u>	<u>Total Drainage Rate</u>	<u>Billing Unit</u>
5,000–6,999 sq. ft.	\$41.85	\$558.94	\$600.79	per parcel
7,000–9,999 sq. ft.	\$53.16	\$705.60	\$758.76	per parcel
<u>General Service/Large Residential</u>				
<u>Undeveloped (0–15% impervious)</u>				
<u>Regular</u>	\$3.50	\$46.05	\$49.55	per 1,000 sq. ft.
<u>Low Impact</u>	\$2.06	\$27.43	\$29.49	per 1,000 sq. ft.
<u>Light (16–35% impervious)</u>				
<u>Regular</u>	\$5.25	\$68.73	\$73.98	per 1,000 sq. ft.
<u>Low Impact</u>	\$4.10	\$53.85	\$57.95	per 1,000 sq. ft.
<u>Moderate (36–65% impervious)</u>				
<u>Regular</u>	\$7.49	\$97.81	\$105.30	per 1,000 sq. ft.
<u>Low Impact</u>	\$6.06	\$79.18	\$85.24	per 1,000 sq. ft.
<u>Heavy (66–85% impervious)</u>	\$9.93	\$129.42	\$139.35	per 1,000 sq. ft.
<u>Very Heavy (86–100% impervious)</u>	\$11.87	\$154.49	\$166.36	per 1,000 sq. ft.

1 4. SPU shall provide a ((40)) ten percent reduction in the drainage service
 2 charge for parcels containing new or remodeled commercial buildings that, after July 27, 2003,
 3 install and utilize rainwater harvesting systems that meet the performance requirement that the
 4 systems are sized to use the amount of rain that falls on the roofs of such buildings during a one-
 5 year, 24-hour storm event. A system that involves indoor uses of rainwater must be permitted by
 6 Seattle-King County Department of Health to qualify for the rate reduction. A system that relies
 7 solely on the capture and indoor use of rainwater shall qualify for the drainage service charge
 8 reduction only if the system is sized to meet the performance requirement stated above.
 9 Qualifying for the drainage service charge reduction does not relieve the property owner from
 10 the obligation to comply with applicable stormwater and drainage code requirements for the
 11 buildings and site.

1 rate credit for multifamily dwelling customers shall be 0.5 times the wastewater volume charge
 2 multiplied by 3.0 CCF, which is typical multifamily sewer billed consumption.

3 2. Drainage. Certified customers residing inside The City of Seattle shall
 4 receive the following rate credits for drainage services based on dwelling type:

	((Effective January 1, 2017	Effective January 1, 2018
Single-family	\$18.02 per month	\$20.03 per month
Duplex	\$9.01 per month	\$10.02 per month
Multifamily	\$1.93 per month	\$2.14 per month))

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<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Single-Family</u>	<u>Duplex</u>	<u>Multifamily</u>
January 1, 2018	\$20.03 per month	\$10.02 per month	\$2.14 per month
January 1, 2019	\$21.53 per month	\$10.77 per month	\$2.30 per month
January 1, 2020	\$23.24 per month	\$11.62 per month	\$2.49 per month
January 1, 2021	\$25.02 per month	\$12.51 per month	\$2.68 per month

6 3. Water. Certified customers billed directly for Seattle Public Utilities water
 7 services shall receive a rate discount equal to 0.5 times the total current commodity and base
 8 service charges. Certified customers who pay for water services indirectly through their rent shall
 9 receive the following rate credits based on dwelling type and consistent with Section 21.76.050:

<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Single-family and duplex dwellings</u>	<u>Multifamily dwellings</u>
January 1, 2017	\$20.56 per month	\$12.38 per month
January 1, 2018	\$21.15 per month	\$12.38 per month
January 1, 2019	\$21.86 per month	\$12.38 per month
January 1, 2020	\$22.85 per month	\$12.50 per month

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11 Section 3. This ordinance does not affect any existing right acquired or liability or
 12 obligation incurred under the sections amended or repealed in this ordinance or under any rule or
 13 order adopted under those sections, nor does it affect any proceeding instituted under those
 14 sections.

1 Section 4. The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be separate and severable. If a
2 court of competent jurisdiction, all appeals having been exhausted or all appeal periods having
3 run, finds any provision of this ordinance to be invalid or unenforceable as to any person or
4 circumstance, then such provision or provisions shall be null and severed from the rest of this
5 ordinance with respect to the particular person or circumstance. The offending provision with
6 respect to all other persons and all other circumstances, as well as all other provisions of this
7 ordinance, shall remain valid and enforceable.

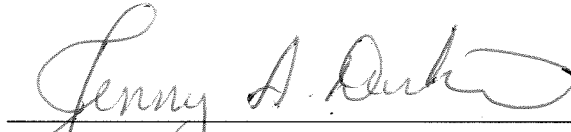
1 Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by
2 the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it
3 shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

4 Passed by the City Council the 1st day of October, 2018,
5 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 1st day of
6 October, 2018.

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8 President _____ of the City Council

9 Approved by me this 5th day of October, 2018

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11 Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

12 Filed by me this 10th day of OCTOBER, 2018.

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14 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

15 (Seal)