

2023 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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SFD	500	A	001-2023

Budget Action Title: Pass CB 120436 - SFD Permit and Fee Ordinance

Ongoing: Yes Has Budget Proviso: No

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Budget Committee

Council Members:

Staff Analyst: Ann Gorman

Council Bill or Resolution: 120436

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	BC	SN
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action recommends passage of Council Bill (CB) 120436, the Seattle Fire Department’s (SFD’s) 2023 Permit and Fee Ordinance. SFD’s Fire Prevention Division, also known as the Fire Marshal’s Office, collects fees that offset some of the costs associated with providing fire prevention services to direct service users. This legislation would increase permit and fee costs by eight percent plus minor rounding adjustments, effective on January 1, 2023, resulting in an aggregate GF revenue increase of \$479,000 in 2023 and 2024.

SFD typically updates its permit and fee rates on a biennial basis to account for changes in its cost of service provision. Examples of services provided by the Fire Marshal's Office include construction inspections and plan review and the issuance of hazardous materials permits. Where applicable, CB 120436 also updates the numbering schema for permits that SFD issues.

Major SFD construction and inspection fees are processed through the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections’ (SDCI’s) Accela system, and changes to these fees will require Accela updates. SFD and SDCI have discussed the proposed fee changes and the departments have not identified any implementation challenges. Some City departments require permits for hazardous materials, so they will experience cost increases alongside other SFD customers.