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Budget Action Title: Pass C.B. 118546, SDOT's Street Use Permit Fee Ordinance.

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Budget Proviso: No

Councilmembers: Budget Committee

Staff Analyst: Calvin Chow

Council Bill or Resolution: 118546

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Budget Action description:

This green sheet recommends passage of Council Bill (CB) 118546, which modifies SDOT permit fees.

CB 118546 updates the "Schedule A" permit fees, authorized through SMC 15.04.074, as assessed by the Seattle Department of Transportation Street Use Division. The new rates will be effective March 31, 2016.

Permit fees are being restructured primarily for construction-type activities. Permit issuance fees for permits requiring no plan review will be reduced from \$146 to \$138. All other permit issuance fees (except public space activity fees) will increase from \$146 to \$305. Issuance fees for public space activity permits will remain at \$146 pending further evaluation in 2016. All plan review and inspection time will be billed at an hourly rate of \$196. The current structure has a \$172/ hour rate, was last adjusted in 2011, and is collected on all Street Use services related to the review and inspections of a permit. The department will evaluate the appropriateness of the new hourly review and inspection rate in 2016 and may request adjustment for future years.

Lastly, this legislation implements a new rate structure that aligns the interest of the City and the community's values to incentivize complete and comprehensive plan submittals from applicants and quality

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and timely construction activities in the field. Applicants who are not prepared, generally submit plans and do work that is substandard will see higher permit fees as these costs are a direct result of more time billed by staff to complete the work. Well-prepared applicants will see the lowest possible permit costs as additional staff time is not needed to coordinate plan review and inspections.