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**Title:** AN ORDINANCE relating to fees and charges for permits and activities of the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections, related fees by other departments, and technical corrections; amending Sections 22.900D.090, 22.900D.100, and 22.900D.150 of the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC).

**Sponsors:** Teresa Mosqueda

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**Attachments:** 1. Summary and Fiscal Note, 2. Summary Att A - SDCI Permit Fees and Charges Proposed for 2022, 3. Summary Att A - SDCI Permit Fees and Charges Proposed for 2022, 4. Signed Ordinance 126473, 5. Affidavit of Publication

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
12/2/2021	1	City Clerk	attested by City Clerk	
12/2/2021	1	Mayor	returned	
12/2/2021	1	Mayor	Signed	
11/23/2021	1	City Clerk	submitted for Mayor's signature	
11/22/2021	1	City Council	passed	Pass
11/18/2021	1	Select Budget Committee	pass	Pass
10/18/2021	1	City Council	referred	
10/12/2021	1	City Clerk	sent for review	
10/12/2021	1	Council President's Office	sent for review	
9/27/2021	1	Mayor	Mayor's leg transmitted to Council	

**CITY OF SEATTLE**

**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**

**COUNCIL BILL \_\_\_\_\_**

AN ORDINANCE relating to fees and charges for permits and activities of the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections, related fees by other departments, and technical corrections; amending Sections 22.900D.090, 22.900D.100, and 22.900D.150 of the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC).

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Section 22.900D.090 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 126213, is amended as follows:

**22.900D.090 Permit fees for mechanical equipment and systems, other than boilers and pressure vessels and refrigeration systems**

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<b>Table D-8 for 22.900D.090-Permit Fees for Mechanical Equipment</b>	
<b>Type of Installation</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Forced air, gravity-type, or floor furnace, gas or heater, heat pump, recessed wall heater or floor-heater, wall furnace, circulating heater, or wood insert including ducts and burners attached there	<del>(((\$118.55))</del> <u>\$79.43</u> per unit
New gas or oil burners and newly installed used burners <sup>1</sup>	<del>(((\$148.20))</del> <u>\$99.29</u> per unit
Appliance vents Class A, B, BW, or L if installed separately	<del>(((\$117.50))</del> <u>\$78.73</u> per unit
Mechanical air-moving systems	See Table D-2 for 22.900D.010
Appliances or equipment or other work not classified in other categories, or for which no other fee is listed	Hourly at the SDCI hourly rate. Minimum of 1/2 hour.
Footnote to Table D-8 for 22.900D.090 <sup>1</sup> See Table D-12 for 22.900D.110 for rates for burners in	

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Section 2. Section 22.900D.100 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 126213, is amended as follows:

**22.900D.100 Refrigeration equipment and systems**

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<b>Table D-10 for 22.900D.100-Refrigeration Permit Fees <sup>1</sup></b>	
<b>Type or Size of System/Equipment</b>	<b>Fee</b>
<b>Basic fee <sup>2</sup></b>	<del>(((\$55.90))</del> <u>\$37.45</u>
Additional installation fee per compressor	
0 - 5 tons	<del>(((\$69.85))</del> <u>\$46.80</u>
6 - 25 tons	<del>(((\$141.85))</del> <u>\$95.04</u>
26 - 100 tons	<del>(((\$265.65))</del> <u>\$177.99</u>
101 - 500 tons	<del>(((\$374.65))</del> <u>\$251.02</u>
Over 500 tons	<del>(((\$455.10))</del> <u>\$304.92</u>
<b>Repair and alteration (value of work)</b>	
\$0 - \$1,000	<del>(((\$69.85))</del> <u>\$46.80</u>

\$1,001 - \$5,000	<del>(((\$101.60))</del> <u>\$68.07</u>
\$5,001 - \$10,000	<del>(((\$175.70))</del> <u>\$117.72</u>
Over \$10,000	<del>(((\$173.55))</del> <u>\$116.28</u> plus <del>(((\$69.85))</del> <u>\$46.80</u> each \$5,000 or fraction thereof of valuation above \$10,000
Footnotes to Table D-10 for 22.900D.100 <sup>1</sup> Where the application for permit shows horsepower rather than cooling tonnage, the fees of this table shall apply at a rate of one horsepower equals one ton of cooling capacity. <sup>2</sup> The basic fee applies to new installations, repairs, and alterations.	

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Section 3. Section 22.900D.150 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 126213, is amended as follows:

**22.900D.150 Electrical permit fees**

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<p><b>Table D-15 for 22.900D.150-ELECTRICAL PERMIT FEES (When Plans Are Not Required)</b></p>
<p><b>1. Administrative Fee</b></p>

<p>a. An administrative fee of <del>((65.65))</del> \$49.24 will be charged in addition to the other fees specified in this table for all items except subsection 9 of this Table D-15 for 22.900D.1 50.</p>		
<p>b. A change fee of \$58.60 will be charged if work is added to an issued permit and if other information is changed.</p>		
<p><b>2. Services</b></p>	<p><b>Size</b></p>	<p><b>Fee</b></p>

<p>a.          Services          (installation,          relocation          and          temporary          installations          ; size          based          on          conductor          ampacity);          service          fees          ((          includes))          include          the          connection          to one          panel          board          when          a          service          is          disconnected          is          provided          ahead          of the          panel          board</p>	<p>1 - 125A</p>	<p><math>1/2 \times</math> base fee</p>
	<p>126 - 200A</p>	<p><math>3/4 \times</math> base fee</p>
	<p>201 - 300A</p>	<p><math>1 \times</math> base fee</p>

	301 - 399A	1.5 × base fee
	400 - 599A	2 × base fee
b. Service repair (master and meter base only)	Any	1/2 × base fee

<p>c.          Temp          orary          constr          uction          power          for          single          -          famil          y          reside          nce;          Ufer          groun          d          inspec          tion is          includ          ed          only          if the          Ufer          install          ation          inspec          tion is          condu          cted          at the          same          time          as the          tempo          rary          power          inspec          tion</p>	<p>Any</p>	<p>1/2 × base fee</p>
<p>d.          Ufer          install          ation          only</p>	<p>Any</p>	<p>Administrative Fee o</p>

e. Ufer test only	Any	1 × base fee	
f. Under ground work (race ways only)	Any	1/2 × base fee	
g. SCL Service Meter Project	Any	1/2 × base fee; no Administrative Fee	
<b>3. Feeders</b> <sup>1</sup>			
	<b>Size</b>	<b>120v - 480v</b>	<b>&gt; 480v</b>
	15 - 25A	\$17.10	1/4 × base fee
	30 - 50A	\$35.45	1/4 × base fee
	60 - 125A	1/2 × base fee	1/2 × base fee
	150A & less than 400A	3/4 × base fee	1 × base fee
	400A	plan review required	plan review required
<b>4. Connections, Devices, and Branch Circuits</b> <sup>2</sup>			
<b>a. Connections</b>		<b>Fee</b>	

Light outlet, switches, dimmers, receptacles, luminaires, residential-type fans	\$2.15 each
Track lighting or multi-outlet assembly	\$2.15 for every 2 feet
<b>b. Devices and Branch Circuits</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Non-electrical furnace	\$17.15 each
Dedicated appliances & utilization on circuits (cord and plug or direct wired):	
(15 - 50A) Ranges, water heaters, etc.	\$17.15 each

Floodlight <sup>3</sup>	\$7.80 each
Sign circuit (required for commercial spaces)	\$44.20 each
<b>5. Transformer Installations<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Fee</b>
Up to 300 VA	\$7.80
300 VA to 6 KVA	\$17.15
7 KVA to 15 KVA	\$52.50
16 KVA to 45 KVA	1/2 × base fee
46 KVA to 112.5 KVA	3/4 × base fee
≥ 113 KVA	1 × base fee
<b>6. Motor Installations</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Up to 1/3 HP	\$7.80
1/3 HP to 3/4 HP	\$17.15
1 HP to 3 HP	\$25.70
4 HP to 5 HP	\$33.40

6 HP to 20 HP	$1/4 \times$ base fee
21 HP to 50 HP	$1/2 \times$ base fee
$\geq$ 51 HP	$3/4 \times$ base fee
<b>7. Electric Furnac es and Heaters</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Up to 2 KW	\$7.80
2 KW to 5 KW	\$17.15
6 KW to 15 KW	\$22.10
16 KW to 30 KW	$1/4 \times$ base fee
31 KW to 100 KW	$1/2 \times$ base fee
$\geq$ 101 KW	$3/4 \times$ base fee
<b>8. Low- voltage and Commu nication Systems</b>	<b>Fee</b>

<p>a. Low-voltage systems<sup>5</sup> : ((-)) sound systems, security systems, fire alarms, nurse call, industrial controls, and similar</p>	<p>Requires separate pe</p>
<p>Control unit</p>	<p>\$13.35 each</p>
<p>Device (activating, horn, alarm, etc.)</p>	<p>\$2.15 each</p>
<p>Control systems (&gt; 100 volts) shall be based on the feeder schedule.</p>	

b. Commu nication s systems <sup>6</sup> : ((-)) voice cable, data cable, coaxial cable, fiber optics, and similar	The maximum fee is
Control unit	\$13.35
Outlet	\$2.15 each
<b>9. Special                  Events</b>	
a. Inspection s occurring during normal business hours: ((- )) Hourly at the SDCI hourly rate; minimum 1/2 hour	

<p>b. Inspection s occurring outside normal business hours; ((- )) Hourly at the SDCI hourly rate; minimum 1-1/2 hour</p>	<p><b>Fee</b></p>
<p><b>10. Inspecti ons for which no other fee is listed; includi ng but not limited to Condi onal Work and “Get Started ” permits</b></p>	<p>Hourly at the SDCI h hour</p>
<p>Each</p>	<p>Hourly at the SDCI h hour</p>

<p><b>11. Renewable Energy Systems (photovoltaic, wind power generation, etc.)</b></p>	<p><b>Fee</b></p>	
<p>0 KW to 7.7 KW</p>	<p><math>3/4 \times</math> base fee</p>	
<p>&gt; 7.7 KW to 26 KW</p>	<p><math>1 \times</math> base fee</p>	
<p>Over 26 KW</p>	<p>Plan review required</p>	
<p><b>12. Size overcurrent protection for Electrical Vehicle (EV) charging stations</b></p>		
<p>Select fee for each charger to be installed.</p>	<p>Charging Station <b>Level 2A</b> (120 - 240 V</p>	<p>Charging Station <b>Level 2B</b> (277 - 480 V 3 PHAS</p>

15 TO 25 AM P CH G ST ATI ON	\$17.05	$1/4 \times \text{base fee}$
30 TO 50 AM P CH G ST ATI ON	\$35.70	$1/4 \times \text{base fee}$
60 TO 125 AM P CH G ST ATI ON	$1/2 \times \text{base fee}$	$1/2 \times \text{base fee}$
150 TO 225 AM P CH G ST ATI ON	$3/4 \times \text{base fee}$	$1 \times \text{base fee}$

250 TO 400 AM P CH G ST ATI ON	Requires plan review.	Requires plan review
OV ER 450 AM P CH G ST ATI ON	Requires plan review.	Requires plan review
<b>13.                  Selective                  Coordina                  tion                  Study                  Review: ((-                  )) SDCI                  hourly                  rate, 1                  hour                  minimum</b>		

**Footnotes  
to Table  
D-15 for  
22.900D.1**

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Feeders  
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<sup>3</sup> Outdoor  
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the  
appropriate  
feeder  
rate. <sup>5</sup>

Low-voltage  
systems  
include,  
but are not  
limited to,  
systems  
listed in  
Chapter 7  
of the  
Seattle  
Electrical  
Code.

Exempt:  
Residential  
wireless  
security  
systems. <sup>6</sup>

Communication  
systems  
include,  
but are not  
limited to,  
systems

listed in  
Article  
770 and  
Chapter 8  
of the  
Seattle  
Electrical  
Code.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

\_\_\_\_\_  
President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

Approved / returned unsigned / vetoed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

Filed by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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