

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

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** Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to rates and charges for water services of Seattle Public Utilities; revising water rates and charges for certain customers; and amending Seattle Municipal Code Section 21.04.440.

Summary and background of the Legislation: The Council in 2021 adopted new Seattle Public Utilities water rates for 2022 and 2023. That legislation contained a new rate class for multi-house developments in the City of Burien. The adopted rate structure for that class in Burien is not consistent with the rate structure for similar developments in other jurisdictions. Specifically, meter rates for this class in Burien ranged in size from ¾" to 3", while other wholesale customers have meter rates ranging from 1.5" to 24". This legislation would change the Seattle Municipal Code to bring these Burien meter sizes in line with other jurisdictions.

This amendment will standardize the Burien rate class for multi-house developments to conform with those for other jurisdictions and allow SPU to implement the appropriate rates in the utility's billing system. Currently there are no customers in the rate class that is affected by this change. As a result, there is no financial impact to SPU customers.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? ___ Yes X No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? ___ Yes X No

Does the legislation have other financial impacts to The City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?
No

Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?
There are no customers in the rate classification affected by the proposed amendment. It is unknown if any customers will qualify before the next scheduled rate study update in 2024. However, if a developer does build in a community that qualifies for the MMRD rate, the current adopted rates may not be sufficient to charge the appropriate rates.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**
No
- b. **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**
No
- c. **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**
No
- d. **Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**
No.
- e. **Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?**
NA
- f. **Climate Change Implications**
- 1. Emissions: Is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way?**
None
 - 2. Resiliency: Will the action(s) proposed by this legislation increase or decrease Seattle's resiliency (or ability to adapt) to climate change in a material way? If so, explain. If it is likely to decrease resiliency in a material way, describe what will or could be done to mitigate the effects.**
No
- g. **If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program's desired goal(s)?**
NA

Summary Attachments: