

**SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE**

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**1. BILL SUMMARY**

**Legislation Title:** AN ORDINANCE relating to street and sidewalk use; amending the Street Use Fee Schedule authorized by Section 15.04.074 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

**Summary and Background of the Legislation:**

This legislation amends the Street Use fee schedule to reflect updated fees. This legislation increases use, occupancy, and citation fees by 25.8 percent (rounded), which adjusts the fees to account for inflation as calculated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). These fees have not been updated since 2019 and the fee changes reflect multiple years of inflation.

This legislation also adjusts permit issuance, renewal, and hourly service rates by 2.4 percent, based on CPI. These fees were last adjusted in 2024. The fee schedule continues to waive fees citywide through January 1, 2026 for new permits issued for street activities, sidewalk activities, and vending as authorized under Ordinance 126915.

**2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

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

**3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Does this legislation have financial impacts to the City?  Yes  No

<b>Revenue Change (\$);</b>	<b>2025 est.</b>	<b>2026 est.</b>	<b>2027 est.</b>	<b>2028 est.</b>	<b>2029 est.</b>
<b>General Fund</b>					
<b>Revenue Change (\$);</b>	<b>2025 est.</b>	<b>2026 est.</b>	<b>2027 est.</b>	<b>2028 est.</b>	<b>2029 est.</b>
<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>\$6,679,000</b>	<b>\$6,679,000</b>	<b>\$6,679,000</b>	<b>\$6,679,000</b>	<b>\$6,679,000</b>

**3.a. Appropriations**

This legislation adds, changes, or deletes appropriations.

**Appropriations Notes:** Appropriations associated with this legislative change are included in the Mayor’s 2025-2026 Proposed Budget.

**3.b. Revenues/Reimbursements**

This legislation adds, changes, or deletes revenues or reimbursements.

**Anticipated Revenue/Reimbursement Resulting from This Legislation:**

Fund Name and Number	Dept	Revenue Source	2024 Revenue	2025 Estimated Revenue
Transportation Fund (Fund 13000)	SDOT	OTR0011S – SU Fees–Service	-	\$637,000
		OTR0011U – SU Fees- Use, Occ, Penalty	-	\$6,042,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			-	\$6,679,000

**Revenue/Reimbursement Notes:**

CPI-W (12 months ending in June) is applied to calculate the percentage increase for use, occupancy, and citation fees. Historical fee increases since 2018 were used in calculating the rate needed (25.8 percent) to correctly capture the growth in CPI-W from June 2018 to June 2024.

This same methodology is applied to permit issuance, renewal, and hourly service rates for inspections and review. Street Use fees for these items may be administratively adjusted by CPI per Ordinance 125185. This increase to the current rate is 2.4 percent.

This is an ongoing change to revenue.

**3.c. Positions**

This legislation adds, changes, or deletes positions.

**3.d. Other Impacts**

**Does the legislation have other financial impacts to The City of Seattle, including direct or indirect, one-time or ongoing costs, that are not included in Sections 3.a through 3.c? If so, please describe these financial impacts.**

N/A

**If the legislation has costs, but they can be absorbed within existing operations, please describe how those costs can be absorbed. The description should clearly describe if the absorbed costs are achievable because the department had excess resources within their existing budget or if by absorbing these costs the department is deprioritizing other work that would have used these resources.**

There are no costs directly associated with implementing this legislation. Updating the fee schedule is a standard business process that SDOT conducts routinely with existing resources.

**Please describe any financial costs or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation.**

Not implementing the legislation would mean inflation would not be accounted for in SDOT's fee schedule, meaning the City would be getting less revenue from use and occupancy fees that are intended to help Seattle residents and businesses in the form of managing right-of-way, activating public space, and leveraging development and utility restoration efforts. The adjustments to issuance, renewal, hourly service rates, and citation fees will help SDOT's Street Use Division continue to advance towards the goal of full cost recovery.

#### **4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

**a. Please describe how this legislation may affect any departments besides the originating department.**

This legislation would affect other City Departments that pay SDOT for Street Use permits for their work in the public right-of-way, including Seattle Public Utilities and Seattle City Light.

**b. Does this legislation affect a piece of property? If yes, please attach a map and explain any impacts on the property. Please attach any Environmental Impact Statements, Determinations of Non-Significance, or other reports generated for this property.**

No.

**c. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative.**

**i. How does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? How did you arrive at this conclusion? In your response, please consider impacts within City government (employees, internal programs) as well as in the broader community.**

This legislation impacts all Street Use permit applicants, including businesses, residents, developers, and public and private utilities. It will not disproportionately impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities. The proposed legislation is intended to align the fee schedule with inflation.

**ii. Please attach any Racial Equity Toolkits or other racial equity analyses in the development and/or assessment of the legislation.**

Not applicable.

**iii. What is the Language Access Plan for any communications to the public?**

SDOT's public engagement and communications staff will develop an appropriate plan to inform affected parties about the fee schedule updates. Typically, this includes emails or newsletters to permittees, website updates, and sharing information with affected internal and external stakeholders both via email and at appropriate standing meetings.

**d. Climate Change Implications**

- i. Emissions: How is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way? Please attach any studies or other materials that were used to inform this response.**

No.

- ii. 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.

- e. 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)? What mechanisms will be used to measure progress towards meeting those goals?**

Not applicable.

**5. CHECKLIST**

- Is a public hearing required?
- Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required?
- If this legislation changes spending and/or revenues for a fund, have you reviewed the relevant fund policies and determined that this legislation complies?
- Does this legislation create a non-utility CIP project that involves a shared financial commitment with a non-City partner agency or organization?

**6. ATTACHMENTS**

**Summary Attachments:**

Summary Attachment 1 – Street Use Fee Schedule – With Edits (for reference only)