

2023 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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SDCI	501	A	001-2023

Budget Action Title: Pass CB 120434 - SDCI Fee Ordinance

Ongoing: Yes Has Budget Proviso: No

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Budget Committee

Council Members:

Staff Analyst: Ketil Freeman

Council Bill or Resolution: CB 120434

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) 120434, the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) fee ordinance.

CB 120434 primarily makes inflationary adjustments to fees. Inflationary adjustments were last made through Ordinance 125982, which became effective in January 2020. Compounded inflationary adjustments would result in an approximately nine percent increase in many fees charged by SDCI for regulatory services. However, fees for some regulatory services, such as electrical and refrigeration permits, would decrease as the cost centers associated with administering those permits have sufficient revenue.

The most notable change is that the proposed fee ordinance would impose a new five percent technology fee on all permits to fund the cost of upgrades to SDCI permitting software. This is similar to what other jurisdictions charge.

The proposed fee ordinance would increase revenue to the Construction and Inspections Fund and the GF by approximately \$6 million and \$12,000, respectively, for each year of the biennium.