2019 - 2020 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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Budget Act	tion Title:	Pa	ass C.B. 119	389, SFD's 2	019 Fee Ordinance		
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Primary Sponsor:			Budget Committee				
Councilmer	mbers:						
Staff Analyst:		Li	Lise Kaye				
Council Bill	or Resolut	ion: 11	19398				

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Budget Action description:

This green sheet recommends passage of C.B. 119389, the Seattle Fire Department's (SFD's) 2019 Fee Ordinance. SFD's Fire Prevention Division, also known as the Fire Marshal's Office, collects fees that offset some of the costs of providing fire prevention services to direct service users. The increases would realign fees with program costs due to increases in wages and benefits, recover costs for plan review and construction inspections and for staffing increases to respond to high workload and customer demand.

According to SFD, the proposed legislation would bring cost recovery levels for the Fire Marshall's Office to 92%, up from 85% at the previous rates. Some City departments require permits for hazardous materials, so they will experience fee increases along with all customers. Collectively, the proposed fee changes included in this legislation would increase revenue by roughly \$1.23 million in 2019 (a 17% increase over 2018) and \$1.18 million in 2020 (a 14% increase over 2019).

The legislation includes the following:

- Fee increases for all fire prevention services due to increasing operating costs, including labor
- New temporary permits to provide permitting options for use of hazardous materials at construction sites
- A new \$217 flat base fee for high-rise inspections, including the hourly fee, to better align with program costs

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• A new \$10 late fee assessed on building owners for system testing reports submitted more than two weeks outside of timelines allowed in the Seattle Fire Code