

# 2020 Seattle City Council Budget Action

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**Budget Action Title:** Add \$30,000 in SPU to improve shut-off notifications to multifamily building residents; and cut \$30,000 in an SPU reserve account

Ongoing: Yes Has Budget Proviso: No

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

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Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	LH	BH	KS	AP	DJ	MO	SB	TM	LG
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

### Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2020 Increase (Decrease)	2021 Increase (Decrease)
<b>General Fund</b>		
General Fund Revenues	\$0	
General Fund Expenditures	\$0	
Net Balance Effect	\$0	
<b>Other Funds</b>		
Water Fund (43000)		
Revenues	\$0	
Expenditures	\$0	
Net Balance Effect	\$0	
<b>Total Budget Balance Effect</b>	<b>\$0</b>	

### Budget Action Description:

This budget action would add \$30,000 in the Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) Water Fund to improve the notification process for residents of multifamily buildings when the building is facing an imminent water shut-off. The budget action would also cut \$30,000 from an ongoing reserve account in the SPU Water

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SPU's current process for multifamily building shut-offs is to inform residents through 30-day notices that are taped to the building's main entrances and exits. SPU also notifies the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) 10 days before the shut-off is scheduled to occur. This funding will enable the department to perform the following additional actions:

- a) Mailing a 7-day notice directly to residents;
- b) Taping a 24-hour notice to the main entrances and exits and, for buildings that are accessible to SPU staff and have 15 or fewer units, placing door hangers on individual units; and
- c) Notifying SDCI 24 hours before a shut-off is scheduled to occur, and providing SDCI with a single point of contact within SPU for handling impending shut-off interactions.

### Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Increase appropriations for resident notifications		0	0	SPU - SU000	SPU - BO-SU-N200B - Utility Service and Operations	43000 - Water Fund	2020	\$0	\$30,000
2	Reduce reserve appropriations for supplies		0	0	SPU - SU000	SPU - BO-SU-N000B - General Expense	43000 - Water Fund	2020	\$0	\$(30,000)