

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 fees and charges for permits and activities of the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections, related fees by other departments, and technical corrections; amending Sections 22.900D.090, 22.900D.100, and 22.900D.150 of the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC).

Summary and background of the Legislation:

This legislation revises a portion of SDCI’s fees and charges beginning on January 1, 2022. The majority of SDCI’s fees and charges were last revised in Ordinance 125982 effective January 1, 2020, which provided an inflationary adjustment of 4%. Ordinance 126213, which adjusted fees effective January 1, 2021, made only minor adjustments to electrical, refrigeration and furnace fees. The proposed 2022 fee revisions include changes to electrical, refrigeration and mechanical equipment fees. SDCI has determined these cost centers have sufficient revenue streams warranting a decrease in fee levels.

SDCI is primarily fee-supported, and its fees and charges are necessary to support SDCI’s permitting operations. All fees collected by SDCI for processing SDCI’s permits are used for that purpose, and the fee structure is reflective of the Seattle Municipal Code requirements to recover the cost of providing the permitting service. This legislation will help ensure that the fees that SDCI collects are in line with the services provided.

Attachment A to this Summary and Fiscal Note, “SDCI Permit Fee and Charges proposed for 2022” provides a summary of all SDCI fees affected by this proposed ordinance, and proposed changes for 2022. Prior to proposing this legislation, these fees were reviewed to determine whether the cost of providing the service warrants a fee change, if improvements to the fee structure are necessary, or if new fees are required.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? Yes No

Appropriation change (\$):	General Fund \$		Other \$	
		2022		2022
	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Estimated revenue change (\$):	Revenue to General Fund		Revenue to Other Funds	
		2022		2022
	\$0	\$0		(\$865,994)
Positions affected:	No. of Positions		Total FTE Change	
		2022		2022
		0		0.0

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?

Not implementing this legislation as proposed would create a situation where the revenues SDCI collects through fees would exceed the cost of providing permitting services.

3.a. Appropriations

This legislation adds, changes, or deletes appropriations.

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	2022 Estimated change in Revenue
Construction and Inspections Fund (48100)	SDCI	Electrical	(\$355,516)
Construction and Inspections Fund (48100)	SDCI	Refrigeration & Mechanical	(\$510,478)
TOTAL			(\$865,994)

Is this change one-time or ongoing?

Ongoing

Revenue/Reimbursement Notes:

None

3.c. Positions

___ This legislation adds, changes, or deletes positions.

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?
By regularly reviewing fees, SDCI is able to ensure that the fees it sets appropriately cover the costs of the services it provides. After a thorough review and discovery of efficiencies in processes, SDCI is able to reduce fees in the proposed programs, making the application and permitting process more affordable to the community. Reducing fees for electrical, refrigeration and mechanical permits will positively impact communities of color and historically disadvantaged communities, many of whom are small business owners.
- f. Climate Change Implications
1. Emissions: Is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way?
No
 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.
There is no anticipated impact on Seattle's ability to adapt to climate change.
- 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)?
This legislation does not include a new initiative or major programmatic expansion.

List attachments/exhibits below:

Summary Attachment A – SDCI Permit Fees and Charges Proposed for 2022