




# Director's Rule

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## 1. PURPOSE

To set charges for development-related services provided by Seattle Public Utilities (SPU).

## 2. DEFINITIONS

*Arterial streets.* Every street, or portion thereof, designated as such in Chapter 11.18 of the Seattle Municipal Code, and other similarly designated streets outside the City of Seattle.

*Connection charge unit.* Measure of the size of the new water service connection or connections or the increase in the size of an existing connection or connections. (SMC 21.04.125)

*Site-specific cost (SSC).* A charge calculated by SPU that accounts for specific location and job site conditions. Determined before work is performed, a site-specific cost sums all labor, material, equipment, fringe benefits, overheads, taxes, and any other costs required to complete the work. Site-specific costs vary between sites in order to recover anticipated costs of providing a service at a specific location.

*Time and materials (T&M).* The actual cost incurred by SPU for work performed, including labor, equipment, materials, applicable permit fees and taxes, pavement restoration, overhead costs and any similar costs, which is calculated by SPU after work has been completed.

**3. RULE**

NOTE: Total prices for services in the City of Burien will be higher to cover local utility taxes levied by the City of Burien (Burien Municipal Code 3.12.040).

**A. New Water Services**

**1) Installation and Connection Charges**

a) Domestic services

Size (inches)	Installation Charge		Connection Charge
	Non-Arterial	Arterial	
¾	\$4,800	\$6,175	\$2,400
1	\$4,975	\$6,350	\$4,080
1 ½	\$8,050	\$9,150	\$7,920
2	\$8,975	\$10,050	\$12,720
2 High Flow	\$9,425	\$10,525	\$19,920
4	SSC	SSC	\$40,800
6	SSC	SSC	\$79,200
8	SSC	SSC	\$127,200
10	SSC	SSC	\$184,800
12	SSC	SSC	\$249,600
16	SSC	SSC	\$403,200
20	SSC	SSC	\$585,600
24	SSC	SSC	\$792,000

b) Fire services

Size (inches)	Installation Charge		Connection Charge
	Non-Arterial	Arterial	
2	\$9,675	\$10,825	\$5,088
4	SSC	SSC	\$16,320

The installation charge for a fire service larger than 4 inches will be based on a site-specific cost. The connection charge for a fire service is 40 percent of the corresponding domestic service connection charge.

c) Combination domestic and fire services

Size (inches)	Installation Charge		Connection Charge (same as domestic)
	Non-Arterial	Arterial	
1	\$4,975	\$6,350	\$4,080
1 ½	\$8,050	\$9,150	\$7,920
2	\$8,975	\$10,050	\$12,720
2 High Flow	\$9,425	\$10,525	\$19,920
4	SSC	SSC	\$40,800
6	SSC	SSC	\$79,200
8	SSC	SSC	\$127,200
10	SSC	SSC	\$184,800

The new service connection charge is based on the connection charge unit rate of \$2,400 multiplied by the appropriate connection charge unit.

Any new water service installation deemed nonstandard by SPU will be based on a site-specific cost.

**2) Discounts**

- a) Common trench ..... \$1,500

Discount applies to each service installation standard charge, after the first, for services installed in a common trench. Discount applies to each trench separately.

- b) Manifold ..... \$1,500

Discount applies to each service installation standard charge, after the first, for services installed on a manifold. A maximum of 6 discounted services per manifold.

- c) Contractor supported .....\$1,500

Discount applies to each service installation standard charge when the service installation is supported by a contractor’s crew and equipment.

**B. Existing Water Service Changes**

Changes to existing water services may be subject to the connection charge.

- 1) **Conversion:** service type change; no change in size. Site-specific cost
- 2) **Increase:** new water service installation charge plus the service retirement charge (see sections 3A.1 and 3B.5).
- 3) **Decrease:** new water service installation charge plus the service retirement charge (see sections 3A.1 and 3B.5).
- 4) **Relocation:** new water service installation charge plus the service retirement charge (see sections 3A.1 and 3B.5).

**5) Retirement:**

<b>Size (inches)</b>	<b>Service Retirement Charge</b>
¾ to 2	\$2,320
3 and larger	\$6,280

There is no charge for a ¾- to 2-inch retirement if the retirement occurs in the same open trench and at the same time as a new water service installation.

Additional service retirement charge for each additional trip to perform retirement due to requested delay. Street restoration charges may apply if repaved prior to retirement.

<b>Size (inches)</b>	<b>Requested Delay Charge</b>
¾ to 2	\$1,390
3 and larger	\$3,770

**C. Water System Improvements**

**1) Water main extensions and improvements – Property owner installation**

- a) Project administration ..... \$1,460
- b) Design review and approval
  - Work performed under an SDOT Street Improvement Permit (SIP)..... \$670
  - Work performed under permit other than SDOT Street Improvement Permit (SIP)..... \$2,200
- c) Construction management (sum of three charges list below)
  - Base..... \$5,500
  - Construction..... \$510 per day
  - Connection..... \$1,630 per day
- d) Connection to existing water system (per excavation)

<b>Water Main Extension Size (inches)</b>	<b>Labor Charge</b>	<b>Material Deposit</b>	<b>Initial Charge (per excavation)</b>
2	\$890	\$1,690	\$2,580
4 to 10	\$4,740	\$1,060	\$5,800
12 and larger	SSC	Estimated	Site-specific labor plus estimated materials

- e) Water quality retest.....\$390

**2) Water main extensions and improvements – SPU installation**

- a) Project administration.....\$1,460
- b) Design review and approval
  - Work performed under an SDOT Street Improvement Permit (SIP)..... \$670
  - Work performed under permit other than SDOT Street Improvement Permit (SIP).....\$2,200
- c) Construction and connection to existing system .....time and materials

**3) Valves** .....site-specific cost

**4) Fire Hydrant Services (labor and materials)**

- Adjust (raise/lower) ..... \$1,510
- Reset (move hydrant back or closer to the main or move hydrant horizontally left or right less than or equal to 5 feet; no retapping of the main) .....\$6,490
- New installation on existing water main.....\$18,360
- Relocate (move hydrant horizontally left or right more than 5 feet; retap main) .....\$28,440
- Retirement.....\$6,320

**5) Fire Hydrant (materials only)**

- Hydrant..... \$3,290
- Hydrant Extension Kit..... \$430
- Quick Connect Adapter.....\$260

**D. Other Water System Services**

**1) Automated meters (AMR) (per trip)**

AMR Install for New Water Services		
Size (inches)	First AMR Installed	Each additional AMR Installed
¾ to 2	\$330	\$190
4 and larger	\$600	\$400

**2) Hydraulic Flow Data**, acquisition of:

- Where hydrant flow tests have been performed within the last 5 years, within 500 feet, and in the same water pressure zone..... no charge

- SPU measures hydrant flow, flushes main, and prepares flow test report..... \$1,830
  - Preparation of hydraulic analysis report to meet fire flow requirements.....time and materials with \$1,650 deposit
  - Preparation of modeled flow report when flow test is not feasible, during a declared water emergency, or when the requested hydrant is not suitable for flow testing..... \$250
- 3) Meter Exchange, 2-inch to 2-inch High Flow.....\$1,460**
- 4) Pressure reducer, design, and/or install:**
- SPU designs .....time and materials with deposit of \$8,200
  - SPU installs .....time and materials with deposit as specified below:
    - 4-inch pressure reducer (2-inch bypass) .....\$31,000
    - 6-inch pressure reducer (2-inch bypass) .....\$33,000
    - 8-inch pressure reducer (4-inch bypass) .....\$41,000
- 5) Purveyor services.....as stated in contracts**
- 6) Relocation of meter and box**  
 Limited to a lateral move of 24 inches.....site-specific cost
- 7) Ring and cover**
- Small..... \$390 (material only)
  - Large.....\$820 (material only)
- 8) Saw cut.....\$800 per job site**
- 9) Standby charge**  
 When site/contractor is not ready as scheduled..... \$575 per event
- 10) Street restoration**  
 When SPU coordinates street restoration, costs are based on street paving type, condition, and the requirements of the local jurisdiction. Both of the following charges apply:
- SPU site inspection..... \$365 per job site
  - Final paving/restoration.....site-specific cost
- 11) Temporary water services.....site-specific cost**
- 12) Traffic control services for 2-inch and smaller water service installations.....\$570**

- 13) **Transmission mains, water services tapped on** .....time and materials but not less than the applicable standard charge
- 14) **Water main cut and cap**.....site-specific cost
- 15) **Water main cut and connect** .....site-specific cost
- 16) **Work SPU deems unusual** .....time and materials

**E. Permit and Inspection Charges**

Permit, inspection, and other related charges—required by a city, county, or the state—are in addition to the charges listed in this Director’s Rule. These charges are imposed by other City of Seattle departments and other jurisdictions and are adjusted on a different schedule than this Director’s Rule. Therefore, at the time of invoicing, the jurisdiction’s current charge will be applied. Below are examples of these charges with associated prices as of the effective date of this Director’s Rule.

City of Seattle

- SDOT Street Use Permit Fee: ROW Mgmt., Complex Review ..... \$698
- SDOT Street Use Permit Fee: Major Permits (SIP/UMP) ..... \$8,262
- SDOT Traffic Control Plan Review ..... \$332
- SDOT Street Use–Arterial Use Fee ..... \$260
- SDOT Street Use Inspection Fee (initial and final) ..... \$332
- SDOT Street Use Inspection–Premium Time ..... \$665
- Seattle Parks–Permit Application Fee ..... \$200
- Seattle Parks–Limited-Term Permit Use Fee (per service)..... \$325

King County

- Utility Right of Way Construction Permit Fee ..... \$200
- Utility Right of Way Inspection Fee .....\$176 per site
- Trolley Overhead Deactivation Request..... \$1,000
- Trolley Overhead Deactivation / Reactivation ..... \$1,800

City of Shoreline

- Right of Way Use Permit (one day project) ..... \$717
- Right of Way Inspection Fee (additional days) .....\$239 per day

City of Lake Forest Park

- Major Right of Way Use Permit..... \$450
- Major Right of Way Use Permit–Additional Street ..... \$250

City of Burien

- Right of Way Use Permit Fee..... \$200
- Right of Way Use Inspection Fee  
(minimum 2 hours per site) ..... \$75 per hour

**F. Drainage and wastewater core taps**

**1) Core Taps**

Size (inches)	Core tap work performed	
	Normal hours	After hours
6	\$720	\$1,080
8 or 10	\$820	\$1,230
size on size	time and materials	time and materials

Standard charges will be reduced by the following amounts when the contractor is required to provide all materials for core taps performed by SPU:

- 6-inch tap .....\$180
- 8- or 10-inch.....\$210

**2) Core Tap Inspection**

Customer must hire a contractor to perform core taps larger than 10 inches. The core tap will be inspected by SPU at the following charges:

- Core tap inspection performed on regular time.....\$540
- Core tap inspection performed after hours .....\$900

**4. AUTHORITY/REFERENCES**

- SMC 21.04.100, Connection – Minimum size – Fees and charges
- SMC 21.04.105, Connection Charge
- SMC 21.04.125, Calculation of the Connection Charge
- SMC 21.04.465, Standard, connection, and administrative charges
- SMC 21.28.230, Standard and administrative charges
- SMC 3.02, Administrative code
- SMC 3.32.020, Adoption of rules
- Burien Municipal Code 3.12.040