

## Seattle Public Utilities plans to update charges for development services on July 1, 2021

Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) sets separate charges for development-related services the utility performs for individuals. Examples of these services include new water services (“taps”) installation and connection fee, water main extension inspection and connection to the water system, and fire hydrant reset or relocation.

To increase predictability, fairness, and transparency to customers, SPU plans to update charges for development-related services to full cost recovery. Updating these charges will ensure ratepayers are not subsidizing these development-related services.

A new director’s rule is expected to be drafted by late April 2021 and a notice soliciting public comment will be published in the Daily Journal of Commerce on April 29, 2021. The public comment period will end on May 20, 2021. If adopted, the updated charges will go into effect on July 1, 2021.

A complete list of the current charges and the proposed 2021 updated charges is available at [www.seattle.gov/utilities/construction-resources#development-services-offices-on-news-and-acts](http://www.seattle.gov/utilities/construction-resources#development-services-offices-on-news-and-acts).

There are a few ways to learn more about the proposed 2021 charge updates:

- Visit [www.seattle.gov/utilities/construction-resources#development-services-offices-on-news-and-acts](http://www.seattle.gov/utilities/construction-resources#development-services-offices-on-news-and-acts) for the charge list and frequently asked questions.
- Contact Julie Vorhes, Separate Charges Project Manager, at [Julie.Vorhes@seattle.gov](mailto:Julie.Vorhes@seattle.gov).

The development-related charges proposed to be updated on July 1, 2021 are listed in the table below.

Water Services (“taps”)
Installation
Connection fee
Retirements
Water Main Improvements
Project administration
Design review and approval
Construction management
Water quality sampling/testing
Connection to system
Hydrant Services
Adjust
Reset
New install
Relocate
Hydraulic flow data

A comparison of the current and proposed charges for a 3/4” new water service (“tap”) is shown on the other side of this document.

## Updated Charges for New Water Services

The table below compares SPU's current charges and the proposed 2021 updated charges for the installation of a 3/4-inch new water service ("tap") and the connection fee. The tap cost shown in the table is only an example since it does not include the costs for permits, street restoration, or other potential project specific charges.

### EXAMPLE 3/4-inch New Water Service ("tap")

	Non-Arterial		Arterial	
	Current Charge	Proposed Charge	Current Charge	Proposed Charge
Installation	\$4,000	\$4,550	\$5,325	\$5,850
Sawcut	\$620	\$800	\$620	\$800
Connection fee	\$1,700	\$1,900	\$1,700	\$1,900
<b>SPU Total</b>	<b>\$6,320</b>	<b>\$7,250</b>	<b>\$7,645</b>	<b>\$8,550</b>

*The total tap cost does not include permits, street restoration, or project specific charges.*