



# KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

## Signature Report

### Ordinance 19856

**Proposed No.** 2024-0313.2

**Sponsors** Zahilay

1 AN ORDINANCE related to plumbing permit fees and  
 2 amending Ordinance 6746, Section 10, as amended, and  
 3 K.C.C. 16.32.080, Ordinance 16964, Section 6, as  
 4 amended, and K.C.C. 16.32.095, and Ordinance 19485,  
 5 Section 146, as amended, and K.C.C. 16.32.292.

6 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

7 SECTION 1. Ordinance 6746, Section 10, as amended, and K.C.C. 16.32.080 are  
 8 each hereby amended to read as follows:

9 Sections 104.3.2 and 104.5 of the Uniform Plumbing Code are not adopted and  
 10 the following are substituted:

11 **Fees (~~((UPC 104.5))~~).** A. An applicant for a permit to do work under this  
 12 ~~((code))~~ chapter shall pay ~~((for each plumbing permit and for each gas piping permit,))~~ at  
 13 the time of permit issuance, ~~((a fee in accordance with))~~ the following ~~((schedule, and at~~  
 14 ~~the rate provided for each permit classification shown in))~~ fees according to the fee  
 15 schedule:

16 ~~((SCHEDULE OF FEES))~~ **FEE SCHEDULE**

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| <p><del>((Plumbing permit fees for fixtures or traps, including water, drainage, and vent piping, other than backflow devices and assemblies, for which a separate permit shall be obtained at the rates in this schedule:</del></p> |   |   |
|  | <p><del>One fixture or trap</del></p>                 | <p><del>\$140.00</del></p>  |
|  | <p><del>Two to three fixtures or traps</del></p>      | <p><del>\$210.00</del></p>  |
|  | <p><del>Four to six fixtures or traps</del></p>       | <p><del>\$298.00</del></p>  |
|  | <p><del>Seven to ten fixtures or traps</del></p>      | <p><del>\$333.00</del></p>  |
|  | <p><del>More than ten fixtures or traps</del></p>     | <p><del>\$333.00 base fee for ten fixtures or traps plus \$8.00 for each additional fixture or trap</del></p> |
| <p><del>Plumbing permit fees for backflow devices or assemblies:</del></p>   |   |   |
|  | <p><del>One device or assembly</del></p>              | <p><del>\$140.00</del></p>  |
|  | <p><del>Two to three devices or assemblies</del></p>  | <p><del>\$210.00</del></p>  |
|  | <p><del>Four to six devices or assemblies</del></p>   | <p><del>\$298.00</del></p>  |
|  | <p><del>Seven to ten devices or assemblies</del></p>  | <p><del>\$333.00</del></p>  |
|  | <p><del>More than ten devices or assemblies</del></p> | <p><del>\$333.00 base fee for ten fixtures or traps plus \$8.00 for each additional fixture or trap</del></p> |

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| <u>Gas piping permit fees for outlets:</u>  |                       |   |
|---|-----------------------|---|
|   | One to four outlets   | \$140.00  |
|   | Five to six outlets   | \$175.00  |
|   | Seven to nine outlets | \$210.00  |
|   | Ten outlets           | \$245.00  |
|   | More than ten outlets | \$245.00 base fee for ten outlets plus \$10.00 for each additional outlet)) |
| <b><u>Fee Type</u></b>  |                       | <b><u>Cost</u></b>  |
| <p><u>Note: The fees in this table may be adjusted annually in accordance with subsection D. of this section. Contact public health - Seattle &amp; King County for the most current fee schedule.</u></p>                |                       |   |
| <b><u>Base permit fee</u></b> , which is for a plumbing, gas, or backflow permit  |                       | \$132.00  |
| <b><u>Fixture fee</u></b> , which is assessed per each plumbing, medical or dental gas, fuel gas, laboratory gas, or repipe fixture, or backflow assembly, or any combination thereof, in addition to the base permit fee |                       | \$26.00   |
| <b><u>Administrative fee</u></b> , which is the fee assessed to modify a permit or issue a refund   |                       | \$40.00   |
| <b><u>Permit renewal fee</u></b> , which is the fee assessed to renew a permit  |                       | \$66.00   |
| <b><u>Repipe permit fee</u></b> , which is a project specific fee, and which is   |                       | (Base permit fee +  |

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| <p><u>the base permit fee plus repipe fixture fee or fees plus the total number of anticipated inspections times the hourly operating rate, unless the number of actual inspections exceed the number of anticipated inspections, in which case the applicant will be charged the hourly operating rate for each additional inspection.</u></p> <p><u>Contact public health - Seattle &amp; King County for fee estimate</u></p> | <p><u>repipe fixture fee or fees) + (the number of anticipated inspections + additional inspections x hourly operating rate)</u></p> |
| <p><u>Plan review fee, which applies to plan reviewed projects only, and is invoiced at hourly operating rate based on actual time spent reviewing project</u></p>   | <p><u>\$264.00/hr.</u></p>   |
| <p><u>Hourly operating rate, which is used to determine fees for plan review, off-hour inspections and repipe projects</u></p>   | <p><u>\$264.00/hr.</u></p>   |

17           ((For the purpose of) B. The following definitions apply to this section unless  
18 the context clearly requires otherwise:

19           1. (~~("fixture" means an appliance that is connected with water, drain or vent pipe,~~  
20 ~~but a sillcock faucet or hose bibb is not considered a fixture. A sanitary plumbing outlet on~~  
21 ~~or to which a plumbing fixture or appliance may be set or attached is a fixture; and))~~

22           2. ~~"outlet" means the point at which a fuel gas appliance connects to the gas~~  
23 ~~pipng system, or a medical gas or medical vacuum connection is installed.)) "Backflow  
24 assembly" means any approved device or assembly installed within a water supply system  
25 to prevent health hazards associated with backflow or back-siphonage conditions;~~

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26           2. "Fuel gas fixture" means an outlet point in a piped fuel gas supply system or  
27 connection to a piece of fuel gas using equipment;

28           3. "Laboratory gas fixture" means an inlet point in a piped nonsurgical vacuum  
29 collection system, or an outlet point in a nonmedical laboratory gas distribution system that  
30 connects to a piece of equipment, or that facilitates connections and disconnections to be  
31 made by a system operator for nonmedical research or process purposes;

32           4. "Medical or dental gas fixture" means an inlet point in a piped medical,  
33 surgical, or dental vacuum collection system or an outlet point in a medical or dental gas  
34 distribution system that connects to a piece of equipment, or that facilitates connections and  
35 disconnections to be made by a system operator;

36           5. "Plumbing fixture" means an approved type of installed receptacle, device, or  
37 appliance that is connected to a water supply or that receives liquid or liquid-borne wastes  
38 and discharges such wastes into a building drainage system directly or indirectly; and

39           6. "Repipe fixture" represents the water supply, drainage, or venting portion of a  
40 plumbing system within a building that is to be replaced or repaired. A repipe fixture  
41 represents the piping system only and does not include any specific device or fixture as  
42 defined elsewhere in this section.

43           C.1. Laboratory fixture fees may be collected for any appliance, equipment,  
44 appurtenance, alarm, or gas system inlet or outlet connected to or affiliated with a  
45 nonmedical vacuum collection system or nonmedical gas piping system that does not  
46 include fuel gas and is not required to be designed in accordance with NFPA 99.

47           2. Medical or dental gas fixture fees may be collected for any appliance,  
48 equipment, appurtenance, alarm, or gas system inlet or outlet connected to or affiliated with

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49 a medical, surgical, or dental vacuum collection system or medical or dental gas piping  
50 system designed in accordance with NFPA 99.

51 3. Plumbing fixture fees may be collected for any plumbing fixture, appliance,  
52 equipment, or appurtenance that is either regulated by the applicable plumbing or gas codes  
53 or impacts the design or operation of a plumbing or gas system within a building, or both.  
54 This includes industrial or commercial tanks, vats, and similar processing equipment which  
55 might or might not be connected to or discharged into approved traps or plumbing fixtures.

56 D. The fee schedule referenced within this section may be reviewed and adjusted  
57 periodically in accordance with the following:

58 1. The director of public health - Seattle & King County shall annually review  
59 whether the fee schedule needs to be adjusted to reflect the projected subsequent year costs  
60 of providing services, taking into account the budget adopted by ordinance for the agency  
61 charged with providing such services; and

62 2. The director may annually adjust increase or decrease fees to reflect actual  
63 costs up to an amount that represents the most recent Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue Area  
64 Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, CPI-W, inflation  
65 forecast for the subsequent year prepared by the office of economic and financial analysis  
66 and adopted by the forecast council plus one percentage point, up to a maximum of five  
67 percent over the current fee. Actual costs may include the cost of increasing reserves in  
68 accordance with any applicable county fund reserve policies.

69 SECTION 2. Ordinance 16964, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 16.32.095 are  
70 each hereby amended to read as follows:

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71           A. Fees for inspection services outside of regular plumbing and gas inspection  
72 working hours ((or for inspection service requested but not covered by a permit will be  
73 charged at a rate equal to the cost of performing the service)) and under an active permit  
74 shall be assessed equal to the cost of performing the requested service calculated at one-  
75 hundred fifty percent of the current plumbing program hourly operating rate.

76           B. Fees for inspection services requested and not covered by an active permit shall  
77 be assessed at a rate equal to the cost of performing the requested service at the current  
78 plumbing program hourly operating rate.

79           C. Any ~~((person))~~ building owner or owner's representative who commenced work  
80 or caused work to be commenced for which a permit is required by this code without first  
81 having obtained the permit shall upon subsequent application for the permit pay double the  
82 applicable base permit fee and fixture fee or fees under this code, unless it is proved to the  
83 satisfaction of the authority having jurisdiction that the work was urgently necessary, and  
84 that it was not practical to obtain a permit before the commencement of the work. In all  
85 such emergency cases, a permit shall be obtained as soon as it is practical to do so, and if  
86 there is an unreasonable delay in obtaining the permit then a double fee shall be charged as  
87 provided in this code.

88           ~~((C.))~~ D. A reinspection fee ~~((of one hundred thirty dollars))~~ equaling the cost of  
89 the base permit fee only, which does not include fixtures, may be assessed for each  
90 ~~((inspection or))~~ reinspection if the portion of work under this code for which an inspection  
91 is called is ((or if corrections called for are not made)) found by the inspector to be in one  
92 or more of the following conditions:

93           1. Work is not complete;

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- 94           2. Work is either not ready for inspection or not under test, or both;
- 95           3. Corrections have not been made from previous inspection;
- 96           4. Access denied or not provided;
- 97           5. Permit is not properly posted at the work site; or
- 98           6. Where applicable, work installed does not conform to approved drawings.

99           E. ~~((This s))~~ Subsection D. of this section does not ~~((require))~~ allow a reinspection  
100 fee ~~((inspection fees))~~ to be applied at initial ~~((the first time))~~ plumbing or gas inspection  
101 ~~((a job is))~~ when rejected for failure to comply with this code. ~~((Reinspection fees may be~~  
102 ~~assessed if the permit is not properly posted on the work site, if the work to be inspected is~~  
103 ~~not under test, if the permit is for failure to provide access on the date for which inspection~~  
104 ~~is requested or for failure to make required corrections. Requests for reinspection shall be~~  
105 ~~made in writing upon forms furnished for that purpose and shall be accompanied by the~~  
106 ~~reinspection fee in accordance with this section.))~~ If a reinspection fee~~((s have))~~ has been  
107 assessed, ~~((then))~~ additional inspections ~~((of the work))~~ shall not be performed until ~~((the~~  
108 ~~required))~~ all reinspection fees have been paid.

109           ~~((D:))~~ F. If the work for which a permit fee has been paid under this code is not  
110 started, and no plan review fees are pending or have been assessed, then the authority  
111 having jurisdiction, upon proper application for refund and surrender of the permit for  
112 cancellation, shall issue a full refund less the administrative fee to cancel the permit.

113           G. A refund may not be made for an expired permit.

114           SECTION 3. Ordinance 19485, Section 146, as amended, and K.C.C. 16.32.292  
115 are each hereby amended to read as follows:



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116 Section 104.4.4 of the Uniform Plumbing Code is not adopted and the following is  
117 substituted:

118 **Extensions** (~~(UPC 104.4.4)~~). (~~(Permits may be renewed once for one half the~~  
119 ~~original permit cost or fifty dollars, whichever is less.)~~) A permit shall expire eighteen  
120 months after the date of issuance. A permit may be renewed before expiration in  
121 accordance with the fee schedule in K.C.C. 16.32.080. The renewed permit shall expire  
122 eighteen months from the original expiration date. (~~(Any person seeking renewal of a~~  
123 ~~permit that has previously been renewed, shall apply for a new permit in accordance with~~  
124 ~~the code and pay the full amount of the permit cost in accordance with the fee schedule.)~~)  
125 Unless prior authorization has been granted by the authority having jurisdiction to extend a  
126 renewed permit, any person denied an extension of a permit shall apply for a new permit in

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- 127 accordance with this code and pay the full amount of the permit cost in accordance with the
- 128 fee schedule in K.C.C. 16.32.080.


Ordinance 19856 was introduced on 10/1/2024 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/19/2024, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer and Zahilay


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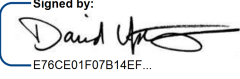
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