

2019 DRAINAGE & WASTEWATER CORE TAP CHARGES UPDATE

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Q. Why are the charges being updated?

- A. The current charges do not reflect the actual costs for SPU to provide these services in 2019. Updating the charges to actual costs ensures SPU ratepayers are not subsidizing these services.

2. Q. Which charges are being updated?

- A. SPU plans to update charges for all drainage and wastewater core taps. This includes
- 6-inch, 8-inch and 10-inch core taps, which are performed by SPU
 - Core taps greater than 10-inches, which are performed by a contractor and inspected by SPU

3. Q. How are core tap charges set?

- A. Each charge is based on the actual cost for SPU to provide the service. In developing each charge, SPU reviews the current business process and identifies the specific costs required to provide the service, including labor, equipment, materials, overhead and taxes.

4. Q. When will the updated charges go into effect?

- A. January 1, 2019, pending the adoption of a director's rule.

5. Q. How will the 2019 charges be applied to active projects? For example, will the 2019 charges apply to services that were provided before the January 1, 2019 effective date but have not been invoiced or paid?

- A. If the director's rule is adopted, any core taps installed on or after January 1, 2019 will be charged updated prices. Core taps installed prior to January 1, 2019 will be charged current prices.

6. Q. When can I provide comments on the proposed charges?

- A. A notice soliciting public comment will be published in the Daily Journal of Commerce in November 2018. Comments can be sent to Julie Vorhes, Separate Charges Project Manager, at Julie.Vorhes@seattle.gov.

7. Q. How can I learn more about the 2019 updates?

- A. There are several ways to learn more about the proposed 2019 charge updates:
- Visit www.seattle.gov/util/Documents/RulesandPolicies/.
 - Contact Julie Vorhes, Separate Charges Project Manager, at Julie.Vorhes@seattle.gov

8. Q. How often will charges be updated in the future?

- A. Charges will be reviewed and updated on a recurring schedule.