

# 2023 Fee Changes

– January 1, 2023 –

## Fee Changes for 2023

The Seattle City Council recently adopted the 2023 budget, including legislation that implements SDCI fee changes in 2023.

On January 1, 2023, SDCI will be implementing a compounded inflationary increase of 9.16% to most fees. This increase follows two consecutive years in which SDCI did not implement fee increases, and is designed to re-align SDCI fee levels with the current cost of business. These fee increases will result in an SDCI base hourly rate of \$252/hr, and Land Use hourly rate of \$430/hr.

New for 2023, most SDCI fees will also be subject to a 5% technology fee. This fee will be in addition to the annual inflationary increases, and is meant to support SDCI's process improvement and technology efforts.

SDCI will also be implementing cuts to administrative electrical, refrigeration, and mechanical equipment fees for furnaces in 2023, as industry changes and process efficiencies have warranted a decrease in fee levels for these business lines.

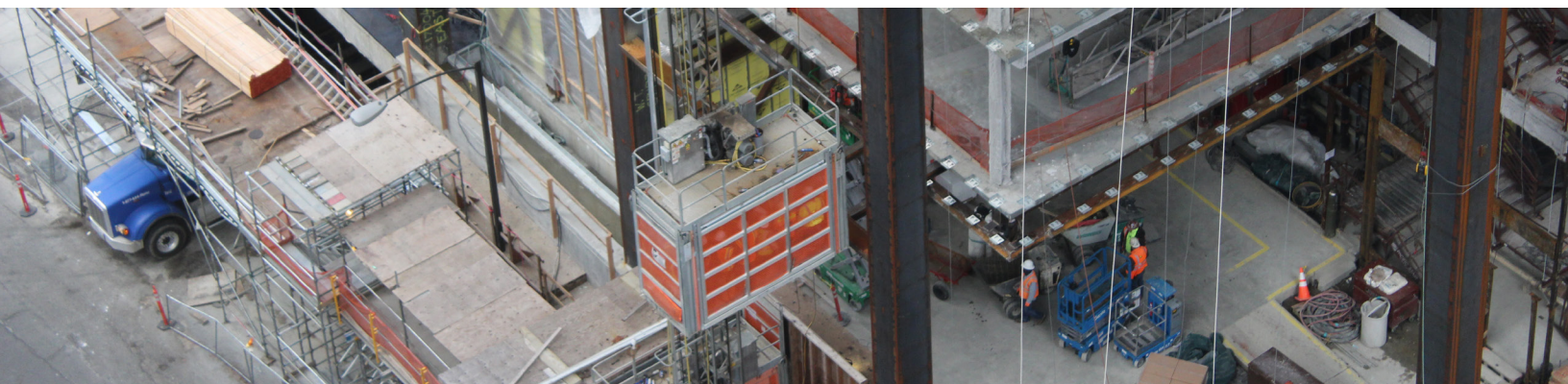
The D-1 table will have a minor change in 2023 as the minimum fee will be increasing from \$231 to \$252. However the regular update to the BVD table will have an impact on building development fees. Examples are given on the next page.



## Resources

The new Director's Rule, Building Valuation Table, and other fee-related information are available at:

[www.seattle.gov/sdci/permits/how-much-will-your-permit-cost](http://www.seattle.gov/sdci/permits/how-much-will-your-permit-cost).





# 2022/2023 Fee Comparison

— Fee Examples —

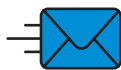
New Construction					With Tech Fee		
	2022	2023	\$ Change	% Change	2023	\$ Change	% Change
<b>Single Family (R-3)</b> VB: 1,500 sq ft dwelling + 400 sq ft garage							
Total SDCI Value	\$252,543	\$275,712	\$23,169	9.17%	\$275,712	\$23,169	9.17%
Plan and Permit Fee	\$4,468	\$4,752	\$ 284	6.36%	\$4,990	\$522	11.67%
<b>3-Unit Townhouse (R-3)</b> VB: 6,100 sq ft townhouse							
Total SDCI Value	\$929,274	\$1,013,088	\$83,814	9.02%	\$1,013,088	\$83,814	9.02%
Plan and Permit Fee	\$11,373	\$12,237	\$865	7.60%	\$12,849	\$1,476	12.98%
<b>Office (B)</b> VB: 7,000 sq ft office							
Total SDCI Value	\$1,185,132	\$1,268,260	\$83,128	7.01%	\$1,268,260	\$83,128	7.01%
Plan and Permit Fee	\$13,829	\$14,660	\$831	6.01%	\$15,392	\$1,563	11.31%
<b>Apartment (R-2)</b> VA: 21,000 sq ft dwelling							
Total SDCI Value	\$3,066,772	\$3,338,790	\$272,018	8.87%	\$3,338,790	\$272,018	8.87%
Plan and Permit Fee	\$30,598	\$32,816	\$2,218	7.25%	\$34,457	\$3,859	12.61%
<b>Bank (B)</b> VB: 5,000 sq ft							
Total SDCI Value	\$846,523	\$905,900	\$59,377	7.01%	\$905,900	\$59,377	7.01%
Plan and Permit Fee	\$10,532	\$11,164	\$632	6.00%	\$11,722	\$1,190	11.30%

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