Development Services Fee Update

2021-2022 Budget

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Direction Needed from Council

Direct staff to prepare Ordinances for Council consideration and adoption for:

- 2021 Development Services permit fees and rates
- 2021 school impact fee schedule

AGENDA

Calendar & Actions for 2021-22 Budget

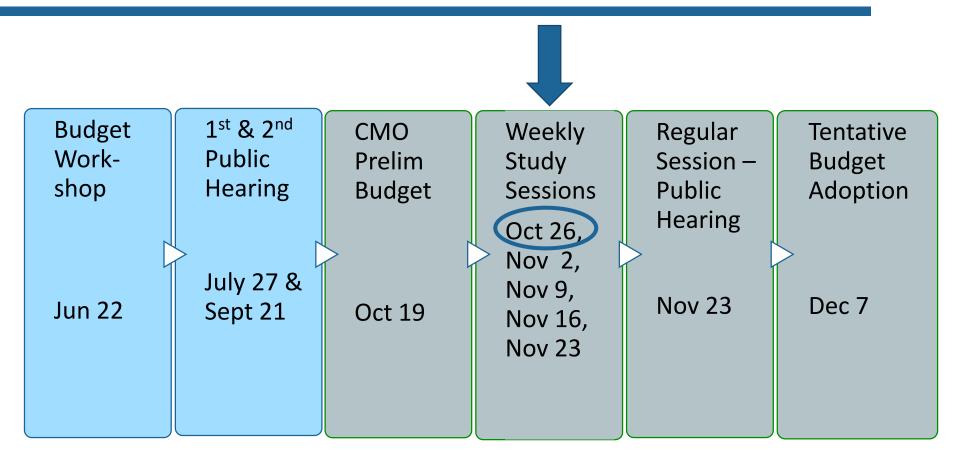
Development Activity Update

Proposed Fees and Rates

School Impact Fees

Direction Needed

Council Calendar



Proposed Meeting Schedule*

Oct 19:	City Manager's Preliminary Presentation		
Oct 26: Tonight	Development Services, upcoming process		
Nov 2:	Human Services, Follow up on CIP Balancing		
Nov 9:	Utility Rates, Council Interests		
Nov 16:	Fire Inspection Fee, Council Interests		
Nov 23:	Public Hearing, Council Direction for Adoption		
Dec 7:	Tentative Budget Adoption		

^{*}Will be adjusted as needed, based on Council interests

Council Actions to Adopt

- 2021 Development Services Fee Ordinances
- 2021-2022 Utilities Rates Ordinances
- Human Services and Block Grant Ordinances
- 2021-2022 Fire Inspection Fee Ordinance
- Basic Life Support Fee Ordinance
- 2021 Substantial Need Ordinance
- 2021 Property Tax Banked Capacity Resolution
- 2021 Property Tax Levy Ordinance
- 2021-2022 Biennial Budget Ordinance

Development Peak Continues

- 6+ years in duration
- Robust construction investments
- Large office & mixed-use development types
- Focused in "growth areas"

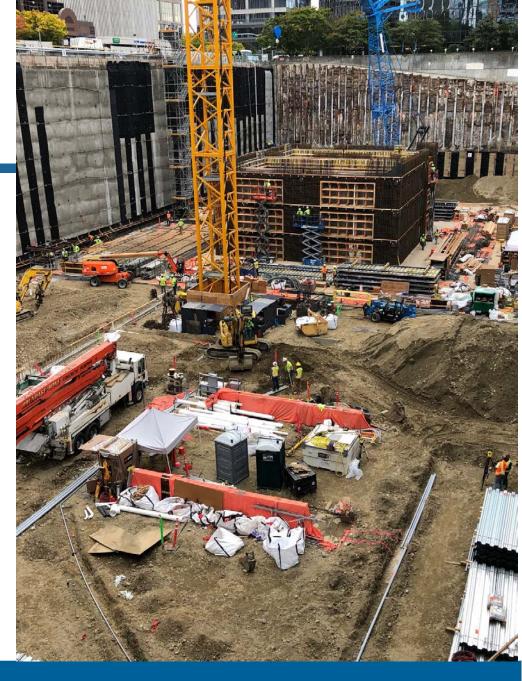
photo: 1001 Office Towers residential & commercial (Amazon)



Downtown Office Market

- Current interest for downtown office projects:
 - Low vacancy rate
 - Amazon plan for 25,000
 Bellevue employees
- Future office demand uncertain

photo: 555 Office Tower



Transit and Residential

Eastlink:

• Open: 2023

Length: 14 miles; 10 stations

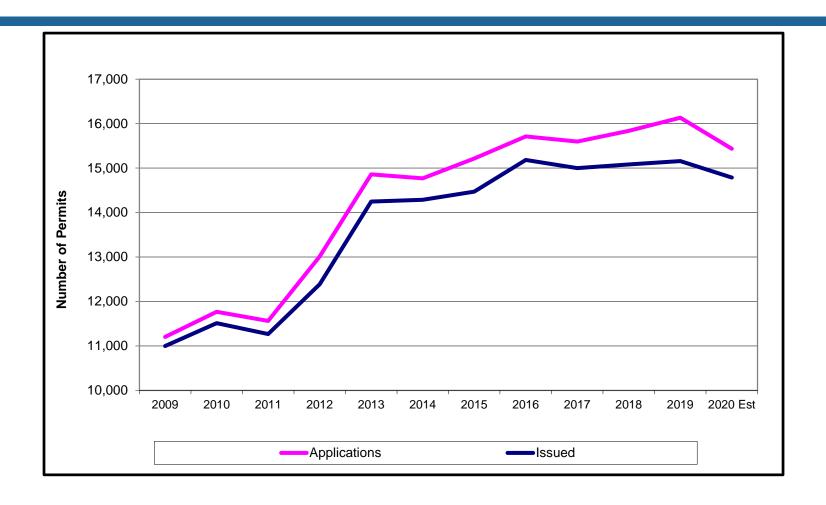
Service: Every 6 minutes in peak hours.



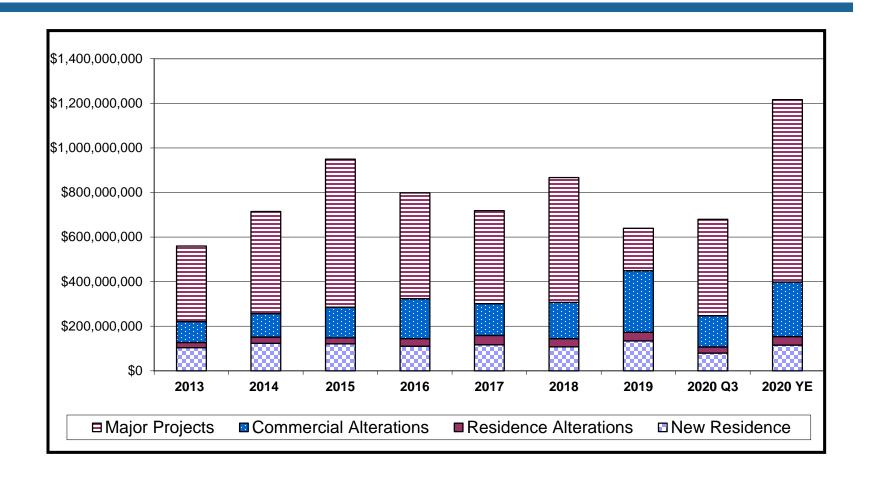
Residential:

- Continuing development activities
- Robust interest to build housing

Permit Volume



Construction Valuation





Response to Development Peak

- Projects in review & inspection will be completed
- Increased staffing
- Expanded use of technology
- Implemented Covid-19 safety practices

Photo: 555 Office Tower

Proposed Fee Adjustments

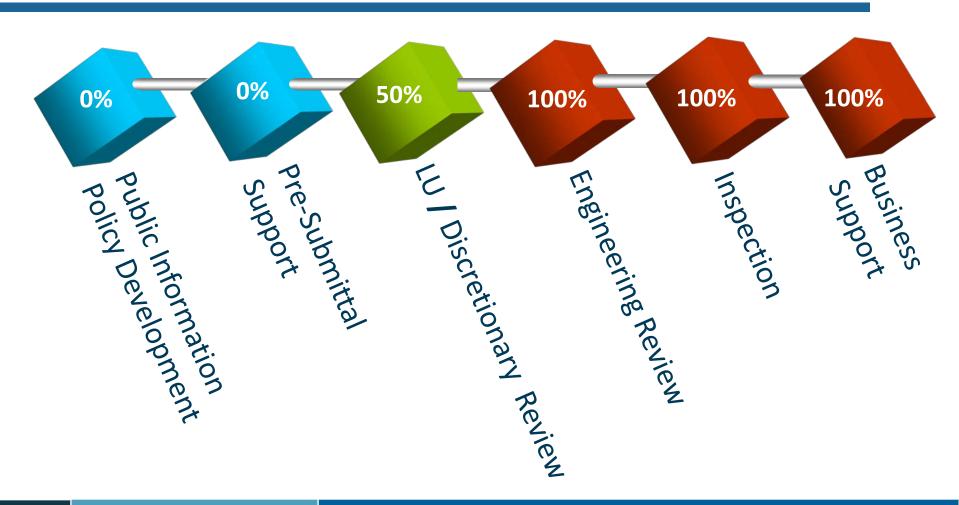
- Maintain alignment with financial policies
- Update hourly rates
- Adjust building review and inspection fees by CPI-W
- Adjust flat rate fees to reflect hourly rate changes and process improvements



Financial Management Guiding Principles

- Funding structure should support DS line of business through economic cycles
- Permit applicants should pay for services received
- Fees should be predictable and understandable to customer
- Fees should be regionally competitive

Cost Recovery Objectives



Building Fees Adjustment

Building Permit Fees based on estimated value using:

- ICC Building Fee Table CPI-W 1.0%
- Valuation Table Updated to 2020
- Washington State valuation modifier 1.15 (Marshall & Swift) – no change

Proposed Hourly Rates

Hourly rates proposed 1.6% - 4.0% for increases in cost of service

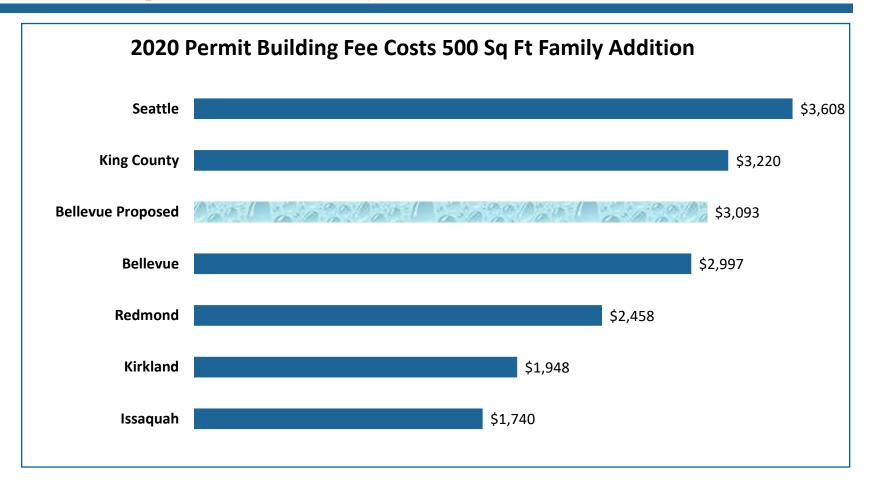
F	2020	2021	\$	% Change
<u>Function</u>	Adopted	<u>Proposed</u>	variance	in Rate
Land Use review	\$184	\$187	\$3	1.6%
Transportation review & inspection	\$193	\$198	\$5	2.6%
Fire review & inspection	\$173	\$180	\$7	4.0%
Utilities review and inspection	\$165	\$170	\$5	3.0%

Proposed Fees

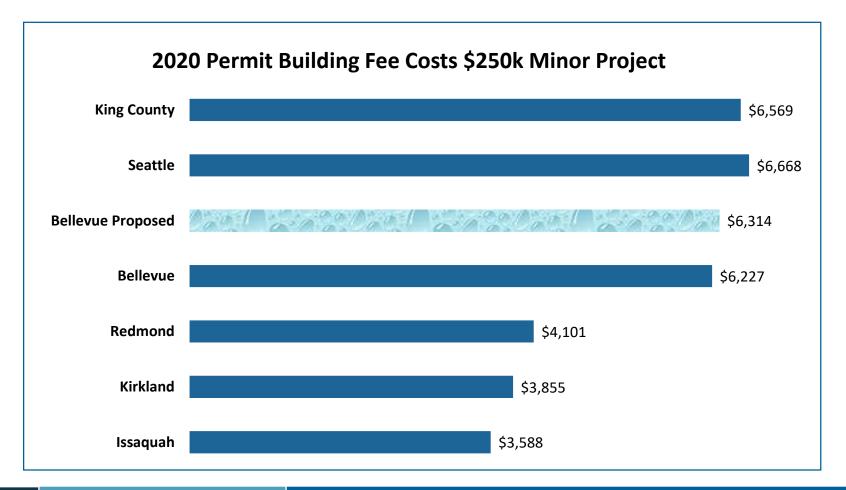
 Proposed flat rate adjustments include changes in hourly rates and average review/inspection time

FEE TYPE	2020	2021	Variance
FLAT FEE			
Land Use Review - Comm Mechanical	\$290	\$295	\$5
Right-of-Way Review - Street Use	\$232	\$238	\$6
VALUATION BASED			
Minor Commercial Project	\$6,227	\$6,314	\$87
Single Family 500 Sq. Ft. Addition	\$2,997	\$3,093	\$96

Regionally Competitive – Single Family Additions



Regionally Competitive – Minor Projects



School Impact Fee Update

- Charged by Issaquah and Renton School Districts
- A pass-through fee applied to new residential construction located within districts
- Used to support capital programs
- Fee is collected by Bellevue at building permit and transferred to school districts



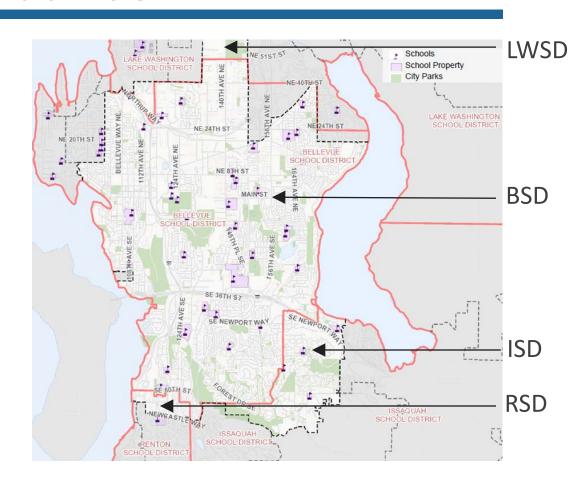
Issaquah School District – new elementary school



Renton School District - new elementary school

District Boundaries

- Bellevue is served by four school districts:
 - Bellevue School District (BSD)
 - Lake Washington School District (LWSD)
 - Issaquah School District (ISD)
 - Renton School District (RSD)



2021 School Impact Fees

Issaquah School District

- Single-family impact fee is \$18,213 (+ \$3,712)
- Multi-family impact fee is \$12,043 (+ \$2,460)

Renton School District

- Single-family impact fee is \$7,681 (+ \$819)
- Multi-family impact fee is \$4,989 (+ \$1,407)

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