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Industrial Waste Fee Update: Council Action Paves the Way for New Fee System

King County Council changes King County Code:

On December 10, 2018, the King County Council approved Ordinance 18851 that updates the King County Code. This is the first step leading to a new fee system for the King County Industrial Waste (KCIW) Program.

KCIW is [developing a new fee system](#) that will be based on the cost of providing services, be easier to implement and administer, and provide for more certainty for industry than the current system.

Changing the fee system involves three steps:

1. King County Council changes the King County Code.
2. Department of Natural Resources (DNRP) adopts a public rule.
3. The King County Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) assigns fees and fee tiers.

From January 7 to February 28, 2019 KCIW customers and others will be invited to comment on the proposed public rule.

The code changes and proposed public rule outline a fee structure. They do not include specific fee amounts. Fee amounts would be updated over time as cost of service changes; the structure would remain. KCIW is sharing draft fee amounts to help customers understand the impacts of the proposed rule before they comment on it.

Draft schedule for public rule and fee assignments:

Public Rule Process	
January 7, 2019	Proposed public rule posted and comment period begins.
February 5, 2019	Public hearing – details will be posted on the KCIW fee webpage at www.kingcounty.gov/industrialwaste in January.
February 28, 2019	Comment period ends.
March	After considering comments, DNRP Director makes any necessary revisions and signs proposed public rule. It goes into effect 30 days later.
Fee Assignment Process	
Late March	WTD Director approves the 2019 dollar amount for each fee tier based on cost of service.
April	KCIW assigns facilities to fee tiers and explains how to appeal within 15 days.
June	KCIW sends bills reflecting new fees to local sewer agencies
July	New fees go into effect.

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The public rule includes the following fees:

Click on the links below to learn details for each fee type, including estimated amounts:

- [Issuance fees](#) for reviewing and issuing permits and authorizations
- [Compliance monitoring and administration fees](#) for inspections, sampling, lab costs, and administrative tasks
- [Surcharge fees](#) for treating high-strength waste
- *Post-violation fees* for the cost of extra work, including lab analysis, required when a business does not comply with the regulations. *(No change is proposed for post-violation fees.)*

For more information or to contact us with questions:

- Visit the KCIW fee webpage at www.kingcounty.gov/industrialwaste
 - Read an [overview of the fee project](#)
 - See potential amounts for [issuance fees](#)
 - See potential amounts for [compliance monitoring and administration fees](#)
 - Read about how proposals could [affect surcharge fees](#) for treating high-strength waste
- Contact KCIW at info.kciw@kingcounty.gov or by calling 206-477-5300 or TTY: 711
- Call Program Manager Mark Henley directly at 206-263-6994