



December 2018

Draft Issuance Fees Under Proposed Public Rule

The King County Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) is developing a public rule that would change the way it sets King County Industrial Waste (KCIW) Program fees. The proposed public rule is based on King County Ordinance 18851, which updates the King County Code.

The proposed public rule would change the fee KCIW charges for issuing discharge control documents to customers who send industrial waste to the sewer system. This fee recovers KCIW's costs for reviewing applications and issuing permits or other types of discharge authorizations.

In 2018, all permits cost \$6,000. Under the proposed rule, a range of fee levels would replace the current one-size-fits-all approach for permits. Simple permits would cost less than complex ones. Similarly, control documents for renewals and revisions would cost less than permits and authorizations for new facilities. Facilities with permits would be assigned to a tier using factors including the type of facility, complexity of operation, volume of water, risk of pollutants, type of treatment system.

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 these draft fee amounts to help customers understand the impacts of the proposed rule before they comment on it.

Draft issuance fees for control documents: Amounts subject to change

	New	Renewal	Revision
Permit Tier 1	\$6,000	\$4,500	\$3,000
Permit Tier 2	\$8,000	\$6,000	\$4,000
Permit Tier 3	\$12,000	\$9,000	\$6,000
Major Discharge Authorization	\$3,000	\$2,250	\$1,500
Minor Discharge Authorization	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$1,000
Letter of Authorization	\$1,500	\$1,125	\$750
Letter of Authorization–Zero Discharge Categorical	N/A	N/A	N/A
Letter of Authorization–Construction	\$800	N/A	N/A
No Control Document Required	N/A	N/A	N/A
Verbal	N/A	N/A	N/A

N/A = not applicable. There is no issuance fee for these control documents.