



What types of low-income housing can qualify to receive a discounted capacity charge?

As of June 29, 2019, new low-income housing in multi-family structures, single detached dwelling units, owner-occupied dwelling units, and shelter housing may qualify to receive a discounted capacity charge. Eligible new units will be assigned 0.32 residential customer equivalents (RCE), which in most cases is a 50 percent discount. These affordability options are part of WTD's effort to encourage affordable housing development in the region.

Structure type	Qualifications
Multi-family structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rent restricted. • Occupancy restricted in at least 51 percent of units, to residents with incomes at or below 80 percent of area median. • Covenant or deed protecting affordability has 40 year minimum duration.
Single detached dwelling unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rent restricted. • Occupancy restricted to residents with incomes at or below 80 percent of area median. • Covenant or deed protecting affordability has 40 year minimum duration.
Owner occupied dwelling unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit is owned and occupied by a household that, at the time of initial ownership and occupancy, has a gross household income at or below 80 percent of area median. • Unit meets definition of principal residence (owner resides there at least 183 days per year, no sublease/rent). • Owner agrees transfer of ownership is restricted to persons with an income at or below 80 percent of area median, meet definition of principal residence, and sell at a price not exceeding 35 percent of gross monthly income for the household purchasing the home (including mortgage principal, interest, taxes, and insurance). • Covenant or deed protecting affordability has 40 year minimum duration.
Shelter housing (distinct dwelling units)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structure is owned by government/nonprofit and operated as a shelter for people receiving support services from a county-recognized government assistance program for homelessness. • Shelter housing with distinct dwelling units will qualify as special purpose housing and be assigned 0.32 RCEs per unit.
Shelter housing (alternative configurations)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structure is owned by government/nonprofit and operated as a shelter for people receiving support services from a county-recognized government assistance program for homelessness. • Alternative configurations, such as dormitories or adult family homes, will be assigned rates based on plumbing fixtures and receive a 50 percent discount.

For more information about eligibility, contact the King County Wastewater Treatment Division Capacity Charge Program at 206-296-1450 or CapChargeEscrow@kingcounty.gov.

Visit the capacity charge program's [Frequently Asked Questions](#) to learn more about what the capacity charge is used for, billing information and other commonly asked customer questions. For updates on the capacity charge review studies, visit the [review studies webpage](#).