



Utility Fee Adjustments

City of Tacoma | Tacoma Public Utilities

Government Performance Finance Committee
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●●● OVERVIEW & BACKGROUND

Overview

Tacoma Water and Tacoma Power

- Request approval by City Council
- Proposed amendments to Tacoma Municipal Code Title 12 (Utilities)
- Adjust utility fees to recover increased costs of service
 - Water Section 12.10
 - Power Sections 12.01 and 12.06A

Background

Several deductions removed from the TMC 6A.100.040

- Tacoma Public Utilities investigated the impacts to operating costs
- Fee adjustments necessary to collect additional expenses based on cost-causation principles
- Recommended fee adjustments are guided by industry standards, financial policies, and the Public Utility Board's (PUB) Guiding Principles.

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●●● Tacoma Water Charges



Update Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) Water Sections:

12.10.020, 12.10.170, 12.10.200, 12.10.250, 12.10.300, 12.10.310, 12.10.315

Water service fee adjustments and other minor language edits to recover additional operating costs incurred by Tacoma Water

- Fixed Fees
- Construction Charge (Time & Materials)
- Main Charge
- System Development Charges (SDC)

Fee adjustments are consistent with Tacoma Water Rate & Financial Policy and cost causation rate-making principles

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●●● Tacoma Power Electrical Fees



Update Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) Sections:

12.01 and 12.06A

Fee adjustments to recover additional administrative and operating costs on electrical fees related to taxes and labor costs

- Electrical Permit & Inspection Fees
- Disconnection/Reconnection Fees

Proposed fee adjustments will supersede separate fee increases previously approved in December 2024 related to general inflation, vehicle costs, and an additional employee

Fee adjustments are consistent with Tacoma Power Electric Rate & Financial Policy and cost causation rate-making principles

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●●● RECOMMENDATION



Recommendation

Tacoma Water and Tacoma Power requests that GPFC move to City Council for approval proposed amendments to Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 12.10, 12.01, and 12.06A to adjust utility fees and charges to recover additional operating costs, effective April 7, 2025.



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