

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-11-031

A ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON AMENDING THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE RENTAL REGISTRATION AND SAFETY INSPECTION PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, fees for the rental registration and inspection program were set by City Council Ordinance (Rental Registration via Ord 2015-04-010 and Rental Inspection Fee Schedule via Ord 2016-03-010); and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2015, the City adopted an ordinance establishing a rental registration and inspections program; and

WHEREAS, fees needed to be established to provide an appropriate level of cost reimbursement to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has an interest in enhancing and expanding the rental registration and inspection program; and

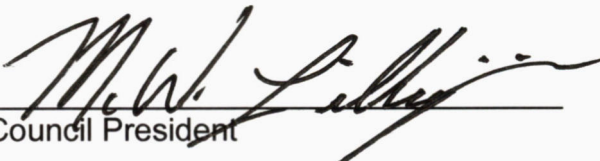
WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the proposed fees on Exhibit A and finds that it should be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM THAT:

Section 1: The Fee Schedule for the rental registration and inspection program shown as amended per Exhibit A is hereby adopted.

Section 2: The fee schedule adopted by this ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 2024

PASSED by the Council this 6th day of November, 2023.



Council President

APPROVED by me this 15th day of November, 2023.



Mayor

ATTEST:



Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Office of the City Attorney

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EXHIBIT A

RENTAL REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION FEE SCHEDULE – UPDATED NOVEMBER 2023

Item	Proposed Fee
Annual Registration Fees	
For 1-20 units	\$20 per Unit
For 21 or more units	\$16 per Unit
Late Fee	
1-60 Days Late	
1-4 Units	\$50 (1-15 days)
5-20 Units	\$125 (16-30 days)
21+ Units	\$250 (31-60 days)
61 or More Days Late	All prior fees established by this schedule plus all costs associated with collection
Inspection Fees	
Per Unit (City Inspector)	\$100
Per Unit (Private Inspector)	\$45
First Reinspection	\$100
Second Reinspection	\$200
Third Reinspection	\$500
Final Reinspection	N/A
Missed Appointment (Each)	
First Missed Appointment	\$50
Second Missed Appointment	\$75
Third Missed Appointment	\$100
Other Fees	
Late Fee – payment over 60 days	\$50 plus cost of collection
Appeal Fee to Hearing Examiner	\$550 Hearing Examiner Fee: \$531 Staff Time