

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	 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	 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	 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)	 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)	 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 <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u> 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 <u>review studies webpage</u>.