SAFE Charge

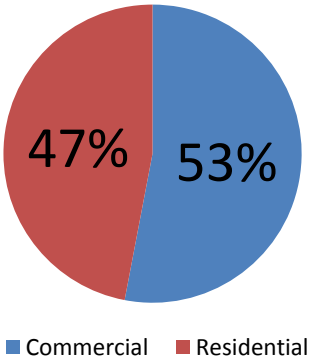
WHAT IS THE SAFE CHARGE?

Established in 2016, the SAFE charge is based on the average number of trips per unit for each type of developed property in Milwaukie. The rate recommended to City Council for approval is $0.46 per trip. The units are determined by the property type and use—for commercial properties, a unit is typically 1,000 square feet, and for residential properties, a unit is typically per dwelling within the property.

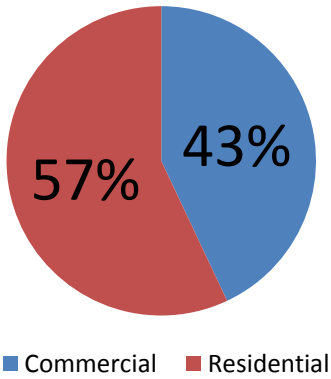
It is estimated that 47 percent of the funds from the proposed SAFE charge will come from residential customers and 53 percent from commercial/industrial customers.

The planned improvements benefit both commercial/industrial and residential properties with 43 percent of the improvement costs benefiting commercial/industrial and 57 percent benefiting residential.

REVENUES



EXPENDITURES



Funds dedicated for the construction and/or reconstruction of bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

The Safe Rate Table indicates what the cost per unit would be for the proposed SAFE charge for each category currently billed in Milwaukie.

SAFE RATE TABLE

Category	Account Type	Trips per Unit	Charge	Cost per Unit per month	Unit
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1	Elementary/Middle School	0.75	0.46	$0.34	Per Student
	Lodge				Per Member
2	Long Term Care Facility	2.00	0.46	$0.92	Per Bed
	Heavy Industrial				Per 1000 ft^2
	High School				Per Student
3	Manufacturing Warehouse	4.00	0.46	$1.84	Per 1000 ft^2
	Retirement Community				Per Dwelling Unit
	Religious Institution				Per 1000 ft^2
4	Light Industrial, Office	8.00	0.46	$3.68	Per 1000 ft^2
	PUD				Per Dwelling Unit
5	Hospital, Business Park, Auto Care	16.00	0.46	$7.36	Per 1000 ft^2
6	Special Retail, Supermarket	32.00	0.46	$14.72	Per 1000 ft^2
	Recreational Facility				
7	Govt Office, Restaurant	64.00	0.46	$29.44	Per 1000 ft^2
	Gas Station				Per Fueling Position
8	Fast Food, Convenience Store, Bank	128.00	0.46	$58.88	Per 1000 ft^2
11	Single Family Residential	10.00	0.46	$4.60	Per Dwelling Unit
12	Multi-Family Residential, Apartment or Condo	6.00	0.46	$2.76	Per Dwelling Unit

The SAFE charge is waived to those households included in the Low Income Utility Program. Fee waivers may be granted for properties within the City that become vacant and water service is discontinued.

Some uses have a maximum monthly limit set by City Council. The monthly minimum fee is equal to a Single Family Residence rate, except in the case of Multi-Family units being billed separately which will be billed at the Multi-Family Rate. Portions of the rates are indexed for inflation as set in MMC.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more information about the SAFE Charge, please visit our SAFE web page:
www.milwaukieoregon.gov/SAFE

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