

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CHAPTER 15.12.210 OF THE BELLINGHAM MUNICIPAL CODE TO MODIFY THE USE RATE FOR DUMPING SEPTIC TANK WASTES.

WHEREAS, Chapter 15.12.210 of the City of Bellingham Municipal Code establishes a uniform use rate for dumping septic tank wastes; and,

WHEREAS, the use rates contained therein have not been modified since 1981; and,

WHEREAS, the use rates are insufficient to achieve cost recovery; and,

WHEREAS, the biological oxygen demand strength of septage delivered to the Post Point facility now is almost double the 1981 value; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the public's best interest to establish a use rate that achieves cost recovery in a fair and uniform manner;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM DOES ORDAIN:

THAT, Bellingham Municipal Code 15.12.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15.12.210 - Septic Tank Wastes - Use Rate For Dumping.

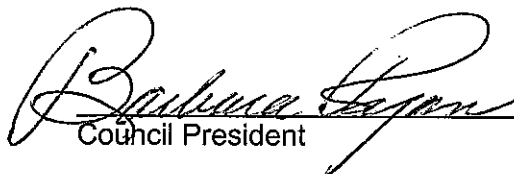
A. Septic tank wastes may only be discharged at the sewage treatment plant, under supervision of the plant operator.

B. The use rate for dumping septic tank wastes shall be computed and paid as follows:

1. Ten dollars per delivery to the treatment plant; plus

2. Eight cents for each gallon of vehicle capacity through and including June 30, 2002. Thereafter, the rate shall be as follows: Nine cents for each gallon of vehicle capacity from July 1, 2002 through and including December 31, 2002; Ten and one-half cents for each gallon of vehicle capacity from January 1, 2003 through and including December 31, 2003; Thirteen cents for each gallon of vehicle capacity beginning on January 1, 2004 and continuing thereafter until this section is further modified.

PASSED by the Council this 25th day of February 2002.


Council President

APPROVED by me this 4th day of March, 2002.

Mark Amundson
Mayor

Attest: Theresa Holm
Finance Director

Approved as to form: Chris G. Reardon
Office of the City Attorney

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