

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-02-015

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON, AMENDING BELLINGHAM MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 15.12.175 TO ADD A PROVISION FOR A REDUCTION IN THE DEVELOPMENT CHARGE FOR CONNECTION TO SANITARY SEWER WHERE A PROPERTY OWNER IS ELIMINATING A SEPTIC SYSTEM

WHEREAS, failing septic systems are a potential source of contamination to water sources; and

WHEREAS, it is widely recognized that onsite septic systems eventually fail, especially if proper maintenance is not provided; and

WHEREAS, sanitary sewer service is widely regarded to be the best management practice for development in urban areas; and

WHEREAS, the expense of connecting to sanitary sewer is prohibitive to most homeowners; and

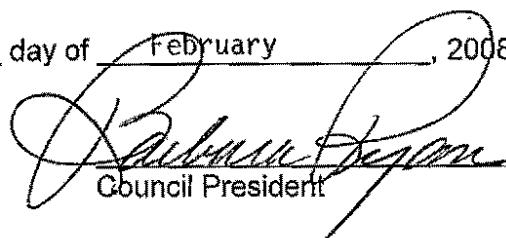
WHEREAS, The City of Bellingham wishes to provide an incentive to homeowners to connect to the sanitary sewer system and eliminate septic systems.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM DOES ORDAIN:


Section 1: Bellingham Municipal Code Section 15.12.175 is amended to add the following provision:

- C. Where a property owner is eliminating a septic system and connecting to a sanitary sewer for a single family residence, the system development charge rates shown in subsection A above shall be reduced by 80%.

PASSED by the Council this 25th day of February, 2008.

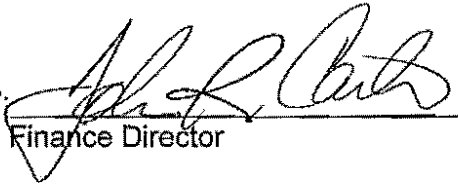

Council President

APPROVED by me this 4th day of March, 2008.

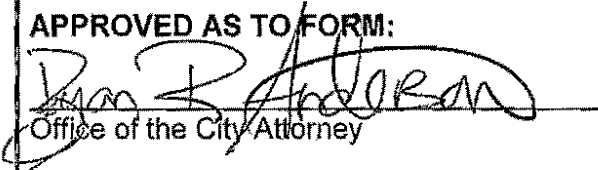

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