

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-03-008

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON, AMENDING SECTIONS 15.08.230 AND 15.12.175 OF THE BELLINGHAM MUNICIPAL CODE, REVISING CONNECTION FEES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES.

WHEREAS, the installation of required fire protection systems such as sprinkling in single-family homes has increased the required sizes of water meters for single-family dwelling units; and,

WHEREAS, the domestic instantaneous water demands of these single-family homes does not increase during normal use except during fire events; and,

WHEREAS, the increased costs of system development charges for connection to water and sewer due to the required fire protection systems is cost prohibitive, thereby increasing the costs to build, the consumer's costs, and decreasing the community's access to more affordable housing;

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is in the best interests of the City of Bellingham;

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM DOES ORDAIN:

Section 1: Bellingham Municipal Code Section 15.08.230 is amended to read as follows:

15.08.230 - Connection Charges

- A. [Unchanged]
- B. System development charge credits are available and shall be calculated as follows:
 - 1. [Unchanged]
 - 2. [Unchanged]
 - 3. [Unchanged]
 - 4. [Unchanged]
 - 5. **The system development charge for single-family residential shall be subject to review by the Public Works Department using the Uniform Plumbing Code and the AWWA "Sizing Water Service Lines and Meters;" except that standby fire protection services shall be sized based upon fire flow requirements determined by the Fire Department and not included in the calculation of the system development charge pursuant to BMC 15.08.250(C).**

Section 2: Bellingham Municipal Code Section 15.12.175 is amended to read as follows:

15.12.175 - Sewer System Development Charge Imposed.

A. The system development charge for new sewer service or exchange services shall be determined by the **adjusted size (not including standby fire protection for single-family residential)** of the water service serving the premises and shall be imposed as follows:

1. [Unchanged]

2. [Unchanged]

B. [Unchanged]

C. [Unchanged]

PASSED by the Council this 14th day of March, 2011.



Council President

APPROVED by me this 17th day of March, 2011.

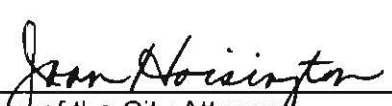


Mayor

ATTEST: 

Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Office of the City Attorney

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Ordinance Amending BMC Sections
15.08.230 and 15.12.175 regarding
Water and sewer connection fees (2)

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