

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-02-006

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON REGARDING WATER SERVICE INSTALLATION FEES, AMENDING SECTION 15.08.220 OF THE BELLINGHAM MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, BMC 15.08.220 authorizes the imposition of fees to cover the City's cost of installing water service connections; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to amend BMC 15.08.220 to reflect current practices and terminology and to promote administrative efficiency and predictability.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM DOES HEREBY ORDAIN THAT:

BMC 15.08.220 Calculation of installation fee - Meters is amended as follows:

15.08.220 Calculation of service installation or tap fee

A. For metered water service installations, the City shall charge an installation fee. The fee shall be based on the City's cost of installing the water service from the main to the property line, including, but not limited to, main taps, corporation cocks, valves, pipes, meters, and other materials, labor, and equipment necessary to install the service. In addition, the party requesting the service is responsible for performing all excavation and restoration work at their expense. The installation fee for services four inches in diameter or less shall be a flat fee for each size. The director of public works shall analyze previous installation costs for each service size, shall determine the fee schedule annually, and shall give 60 days' public notice thereof. The installation fee for services larger than four inches in diameter shall be based on an installation cost estimate prepared by the public works director or his designee.

B. For water main extension and fire service line installations, the City shall charge a tap fee. The fee shall be based on the City's cost of installing a tap on the existing main and inspecting the connection. In addition, the party responsible for installing the water main extension or fire service line is responsible for performing all excavation and restoration work at their expense as necessary to facilitate the connection. The tap fee for connections twelve inches or less in diameter shall be a flat fee for each size. The director of public works shall analyze previous tap installation costs for each tap size, shall determine the fee schedule annually, and shall give 60 days' public notice thereof. The fee for taps larger than twelve inches in diameter shall be based upon a cost estimate prepared by the public works director or his designee.

C. The fees imposed under this section shall be in addition to all other connection charges, service fees, permit costs or usage rates.

D. All facilities installed within City rights-of-way or easements shall be and remain the property of the city, and may be modified or removed by the department of public works in conformity with this chapter.

~~15.08.220 Calculation of installation fee—Meters.~~

~~For all services installed by the city of Bellingham, an installation fee will be charged for each service requested. This fee is for the cost of installing the water service from the main to the property line including, but not limited to, main taps, corporation cocks, valves, pipes, meters, site restoration, and other materials, labor, and equipment charges necessary.~~

~~A. The fee for water services less than one and one half inches in diameter shall be a flat rate for each size. The director of public works shall analyze previous actual installation costs for each size, shall determine the fee annually, and shall give 60 days' public notice thereof.~~

~~B. The fee for water services one and one half inches in diameter and larger will be the actual cost of installation plus administrative and overhead charges. The water system superintendent shall prepare an estimate of installation costs to determine the amount of money to be deposited. Any adjustment in the actual cost of installation because of variance between the estimate and the actual cost shall be refunded upon completion of the job to the applicant, or by payment by the applicant to the city of any additional expense above the estimate.~~

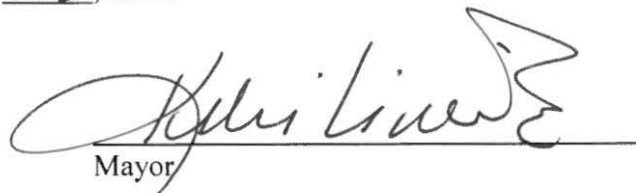
~~C. The cost of the meter and meter installation will be in addition to all other connection charges, service fees, permit costs or usage rates. All meters shall be and remain the property of the city, and may be installed or removed by the department of public works in conformity with this chapter.~~

PASSED by City Council this 8th day of February _____, 2016.



Council President

APPROVED by me this 16th day of Feb, 2016.



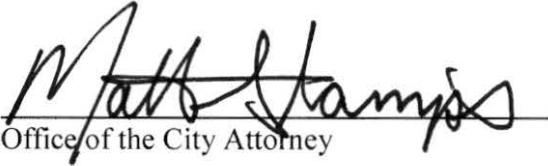
Mayor

ATTEST:



Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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