

TOWN OF GRANITE FALLS

ORDINANCE NO. 414

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GRANITE FALLS CREATING A STORM DRAINAGE FUND AND PROVIDING RATES AND CHARGES FOR SAID FUND.

Section 1. Fund Created. There is hereby created a special fund of the Town to be known as the Storm Drainage Fund. Any and all charges, assessments and revenues received for drainage purposes, or from any rental, use, services or sale of property attributable to the operation and management of such utility, shall be credited to and paid into such fund.

Section 2. Rates and Charges. The following rates and charges are established:

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
RESIDENTIAL USE:	
Single-family residence (1 unit)	1.00
Multi-family residence (1 unit)	1.00
Additional Units	.50
COMMERCIAL USE:	
Business Building (units established as per sewer charges) each unit	1.00

Section 3. Connection fees, charges and costs.

(a) Applications for connection to the storm sewer system shall be made to the clerk/treasurer who will collect fees and forward the application public works department and/or Town Engineer, for approval of the design and inspection of the proposed connection.

(b) A permit fee to cover the cost of administration, in the amount of fifty dollars, shall be charged for each application to the storm sewer service. Such fee shall be paid into the Storm Drainage Fund.

(c) A connection charge of two-hundred dollars shall be charged for each separate residence, multiple housing unit, business building, or separate business unit within a building proposed to be served by a storm sewer. Such fee shall be paid into the storm drainage fund.

(d) Construction Costs and Fees:

1. The cost of construction of storm sewer lines from the public storm sewer shall be in all cases be borne by such persons connecting thereto.

2. Cost of construction of storm sewer mains by developers and others except in the case of an LID or ULID shall be directly borne by the party extending the storm sewer main.

3. Cost of upgrading the drainage facilities, storm sewer trunk lines, or pumping facility or the cost of a consulting engineer shall be considered part of the cost of the storm sewer extension and such costs as determined by the public works director or consulting engineer shall be remitted to the clerk/treasurer or the work completed and accepted by the Town prior to the issuance of any connection permits in the area served by the storm sewer extension.

4. The town may at its option construct storm sewer mains to serve and area. Any property connecting to a storm sewer main constructed by the town shall be subject to the fees and charges under this section plus a pro rata share of the construction costs of the extension based on fifty percent square footage of the area served and fifty percent front footage of properties to be served unless seventy-five percent of the owners of property in the area to be served agree on another method of apportionment which shall be subject to the approval of the town.

5. Any property connected to a storm sewer main or open ditch constructed under an LID or ULID shall be subject to a construction fee based upon the same square footage and front footage assessments made on the property within the LID.

(e) Billing. All charges for drainage shall be due and payable to the clerk/treasurer on the first day of the month billing is made. The clerk/treasurer may, in the interest of economical operation, bill the drainage charges on the water/sanitary sewer statements .

Section 4. Permit required.

(a) It is unlawful for any person to make any connection with any public or private storm sewer without provisions of this chapter in relation thereto, unless a permit to do so from the public works has been issued and is in force.

(b) Application for such permit shall be filed with the clerk/treasurer stating the name of the owner, the correct address and legal description of the property to be served, dimensions and locations of any buildings or hard-surfaced improvements on the property and the whole course of the private storm sewer from the public storm sewer or other outlets to its connection with the building or property to be served. The application shall be submitted to the public works department for approval, who may change or modify the same and designate the manner and place in which such storm sewer shall be connected with the public storm sewer, and he shall endorse his approval upon the application if the same is acceptable to him.

(c) Upon approval of the application the public works department shall issue for his records a permit card and storm sewer plan showing the size and location of the public storm sewer, the point of connection, the location of any buildings on the lot and any other such information as may be available and required.

(d) Upon approval of the application and issuance of the permit it is unlawful to alter or to do any other work than is provided for in the permit.

(e) The public works department shall prepare and keep on file in his office all records of storm sewer connections showing the information obtained in the course of inspection of completed work done under the permit.

(f) The public works department may issue such permit to the owner or occupant of any property to construct, extend, relay, repair or make connection to any public or private storm sewer or drainage channel provided such owner or occupant complies with the applicable provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 5. Lien Charges.

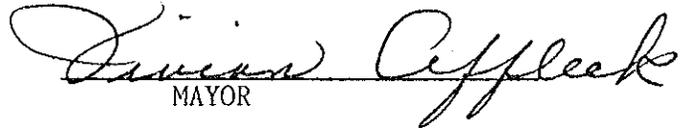
When charges for drainage are delinquent for a period in excess of six months, a lien shall be failed against the property and an additional charge in the amount of twenty-five dollars shall be charged to cover the cost of processing the lien and filing fees.

All charges for drainage together with any penalties and interest that may be provided by this chapter shall be a lien upon the property superior to all other liens and encumbrances whatsoever, except those for general taxes and local and special assessments. Such liens shall be enforced by the town in the manner provided by law.

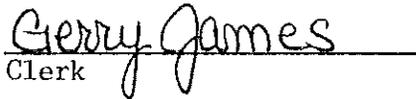
Section 6. Development fees. At the time of application for a subdivision, shortplat, planned unit development or binding site plan, a drainage assessment is to be submitted to the clerk/treasurer in the amount of four hundred dollars plus twenty-five dollars per lot. Such fee is to be credited to the storm drainage fund for the improvement of drainage facilities.

Said Ordinance was passed in open session by the Town Council of the Town of Granite Falls on the 28 day of December, 1988.

Approved by the Mayor this 28 day of December, 1988.


MAYOR

Attest:


Clerk

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