

CITY OF GRANITE FALLS

ORDINANCE NO. 665 - 03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS DIRECTING AN AMOUNT OF \$2.00 PER UNIT FROM THE WATER FUND, ESTABLISHING A METHOD FOR CHARGING CONNECTION FEES TO THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEM AND CHARGING AN ADDITIONAL \$1000.00 PER SINGLE FAMILY UNIT FOR CONNECTIONS OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS THAT ARE NOT DIRECTLY CONNECTED TO SNOHOMISH COUNTY PUD WATER LINES

WHEREAS, April 1, 1996 was the effective date for the wholesale water agreement with Snohomish County PUD and the City. The wholesale water agreement set forth the connection fee the City would pay the PUD for an Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) water connection to the City's water system. The water agreement allows the PUD to adjust the water connection fee effective January 1 of each year. The adjustment is based upon the comparison of the Engineering News Record (ENR) Construction Cost Index (CC) for the Seattle Area for the preceding November to that index for the next preceding November; and

WHEREAS, the ratio between the City of Granite Falls single ERU water connection fee it charged a customer and the fee the City paid to Snohomish County PUD for a single ERU water connection at the effective date of the wholesale water agreement was 1.3514:1; and

WHEREAS, the wholesale water contract allows the PUD to adjust the water connection charge; and

THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Granite Falls finds that it is in the best interest of its water customers to adjust fairly the water connection fee it charges on the effective date the PUD adjusts its water connection fee. The City Council determined that what the City charges for water connection fees and what the City pays the PUD for water connection fees should be based on the 1.3514:1 ratio charged on the effective date of the wholesale water agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS, WASHINGTON, as follows:

SECTION 1. Ordinance No. 384 establishing the Capital Improvement Fund/Water, Ordinance No. 433, Ordinance No. 456, Ordinance No. 460 and Ordinance No. 556 revising the charges, are hereby amended as the same refer to charges established for fees.

SECTION 2. An amount of \$2.00 per unit from the Water Fund shall be deposited into the Capital Improvement Fund/Water along with any other funds the City Council shall by Ordinance direct.

SECTION 3. Each ERU water connection to the City's water system shall be charged 34.14% more than the effective adjusted ERU water connection fee the City pays to Snohomish County PUD. An additional \$1,000.00 per ERU water connection outside of the City limits that is not directly connected to Snohomish County PUD water line shall be collected. The connection fees shall be deposited into the Capital Improvement Fund/Water along with any other funds the City Council shall by Ordinance direct.

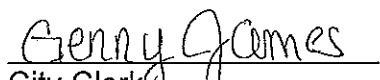
SECTION 4. Monies in said fund shall be accumulated from year to year, and may be expended at such time as directed by City council for the purpose of making capital improvements to the water system.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effective upon its approval, passage and publication.


Said Ordinance was passed in open session by the City Council of the City of Granite Falls on the 11 day of February, 2003.

  
MAYOR

Attest:

  
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

  
City Attorney

DATE OF FIRST READING: January 23, 2003  
DATE OF SECOND READING: February 11, 2003  
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