

CITY OF GRANITE FALLS

ORDINANCE NO. 900-2015

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS, WASHINGTON AMENDING GRANITE FALLS MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 13.20.150 BY ADDING NEW SUBSECTIONS (C), (D) and (E) TO ESTABLISH RATES FOR 2016 AND TO PROVIDE METHODS FOR COLLECTION OF THE RATES AND CHARGES IMPOSED; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Granite Falls Municipal Code Section 13.20.150 entitled “Rates and charges” is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.20.150 Rates and charges.

(A) The following rates and charges are established and shall be paid into the storm drainage fund, effective January 1, 2010:

Classification	Monthly Rate
Residential Use:	
Single-family residence (1 unit)	\$4.00
Multifamily residence (1 unit)	\$4.00
Additional units	\$2.00
Commercial Use:	
Business building (units established as per sewer charges) each unit	\$4.00

(B) The following rates and charges are established and shall be paid into the storm drainage fund, effective January 1, 2011:

Classification	Monthly Rate
Residential Use:	
Single-family residence (1 unit)	\$9.00
Multifamily residence (1 unit)	\$9.00
Additional units	\$4.50

Classification	Monthly Rate
Commercial Use:	
Business building (units established as per sewer charges) each unit	\$9.00

(C) The following rates and charges are established and shall be paid into the storm drainage fund, effective January 1, 2016:

Classification	Monthly Rate	Annual Rate
<i>Single Family Residential</i>	\$10	\$120
<i>Condominium</i>	\$10 per unit*	\$120
<i>Mobile/ Manufactured Home</i>	\$10	\$120
<i>Multifamily (2+ units attached)</i>	\$6 per unit*	\$72 per unit*
<i>Mobile Home parks (multiple units)</i>	\$6 per unit*	\$72 per unit*
<i>Undeveloped Land (less than 2% impervious)</i>		No Charge
<i>Undeveloped land with impervious surface</i>	\$10	\$120
<i>Riverfront Residential Zone</i>		No Charge
<i>Commercial</i>		
0-.5 acre	\$20	\$240
0.51-1.0 acre	\$30	\$360
1.01-2.0 acre	\$40	\$480
2.01 + acres	\$50	\$600
<i>Industrial</i>		
0-1.0 acre	\$20	\$240
1.01-5.0 acre	\$30	\$360
5.01-10.0 acre	\$40	\$480
10.01 + acres	\$50	\$600

*Unit = 1.0 ERU (Equivalent Residential Unit)

In the event that an industrial use encompasses multiple adjacent parcels of land, then the stormwater assessment shall be calculated based on the total combined number of acres for all the parcels and the fee shall be distributed throughout the individual parcels accordingly.

Retirement Homes, Schools, and Churches will be charged under the commercial rate structure.

These rates shall remain in effect until such time as the City Council in its fee resolution sets other rates, in which event the rates set by resolution shall prevail and be in effect.

(D) The city may administer the billing and collection services required to implement this chapter, or it may enter into interlocal agreements with Snohomish County for this purpose. All billing and collection services shall be implemented as follows:

(1) All property subject to service charges shall be assessed annually on January 1st based upon the rate category, land use classification, and acreage then applicable to each such property and at the rate as set forth in (B) above or if authorized by Resolution as authorized in (B) above.

(2) The service charge shall be displayed and billed on the annual property tax statement for the parcel and shall be mailed to the name and address shown on the real property tax roll at the time annual property tax bills are prepared. Properties which do not receive a property tax statement shall receive a separate service charge billing statement.

(3) If a payment is received in conjunction with a combined property tax and service charge, and the payment is less than the sum of the total property tax plus service charge or less than the sum of one-half of the property tax plus one-half of the service charge, and unless otherwise specified by the parcel owner, the payment shall be applied to the annual property tax of the parcel first pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 84.56 RCW and any remaining amount to the service charge.

(4) The total amount of the service charge shall be due and payable on or before April 30th and shall be delinquent after that date; however, if one-half of such service charge is paid on or before the said April 30th, the remainder shall be due and payable on or before October 31st and shall be delinquent after that date.

(5) Parcel characteristics affecting the service charge which are altered after November 1st of any year shall not be a basis for calculation of the service charge until after December 31st of the following year.

(6) Adjustments to the annual service charge may be made when property is annexed into the city. The service charge for the billing year during which annexation occurs shall be subject to a proration formula included in an interlocal agreement between the city and the county in which the annexed area lies.

(7) Billing under this subsection (C) shall commence January 1, 2016.

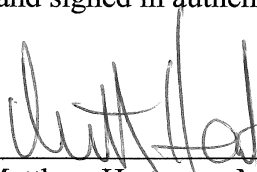
(E) Nothing contained in this section shall be construed as a waiver of liens, and the city shall have all rights to liens as provided in Chapter 35.67 RCW, as the same exists or may hereafter be amended, or any other rights to enforce the

collection of storm and surface water service charges as may from time to time be provided in state law. The lien shall have superiority as established by RCW 35.67.290. There shall be added to the delinquent amounts and interest all costs and expenses incurred by the city in compelling payment of the same.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.


Section 3. Effective Dates. This ordinance shall take effect five days after the date of its publication by summary. Billing under subsection (D) shall commence January 1, 2016.

Said Ordinance was passed in open session by the City Council of the City of Granite Falls on the 4th day of Nov., 2015 and signed in authentication of its passage this 4th day of Nov. 2015.

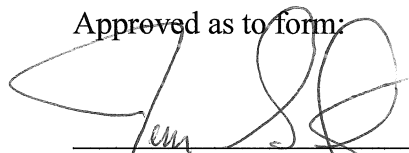


Matthew Hartman, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Darla Reese, CMC, City Clerk

Approved as to form:


Thomas H. Graafstra, City Attorney

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