

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING CHAPTER)
8.03 RELATIVE TO ADJUSTING THE)
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT)
CHARGE, THE MONTHLY SEWER SERVICE)
FEE, THE GENERAL FACILITIES CHARGE,)
THE SEWER CONNECTION PERMIT FEES,)
THE SEWER FACILITY PLAN CHECK FEES;)
AND, ACCOMPLISHING ADMINISTRATIVE)
CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS)

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW), Section 36.32.120(6), the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County (the "Board") has the care of County property and the management of County funds and business; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of RCW Chapters 36.70 and 36.94, the Board has adopted a Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan as an element of the County's Generalized Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan, Spokane County has the power to construct, operate and maintain a system of sewerage within the unincorporated areas of Spokane County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of RCW Section 36.94.130, the County may adopt reasonable rules and regulations governing the construction, maintenance, operation, use, connection and service of the system of sewerage; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of RCW Section 36.94.140, the County, in the operation of a system of sewerage, has full jurisdiction and authority to fix, alter and regulate and control the rates and charges for services to those who County service is available; and

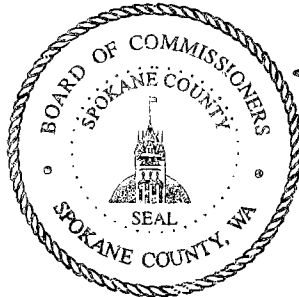
WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was given as required by RCW 36.36.120(7) and 65.16.160; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of RCW Section 36.94.080, the Board held a public hearing on June 23, 2009, at 5:30 p.m., in the Assembly Room of the Board of County Commissioners to consider "Amending Chapter 8.03 Relative to Adjusting the Wastewater Treatment Plant Charge, the Monthly Sewer Service Fee, the General Facilities Charge, the Sewer Connection Permit Fees, the Sewer Facility Plan Check Fees; and, Accomplishing Administrative Changes and Corrections"; and

WHEREAS, after considering all public testimony submitted at said public hearing, the Board concludes that it is in the best interest of the public and the orderly management, regulation and control of the County's system of sewerage to amend Spokane County Code Chapter 8.03 as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County, Washington, that the Board does hereby amend Spokane County Code Chapter 8.03 as reflected in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County, Washington, this 21st day of July 2009.



Todd Mielke
Todd Mielke, Chair

Mark Richard
Mark Richard, Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

BY: Daniela Erickson
Daniela Erickson, Clerk of the Board

Bonnie Mager
Bonnie Mager, Commissioner

EXHIBIT "A"

Amendments to Spokane County Code Chapter 8.03 and Ordinance No. 96-0752

The proposed amendments to Spokane County Code (SCC) Chapter 8.03 and Ordinance No. 96-0752 are set forth below. In amendatory sections, new matter is double-underlined and deleted matter is lined out.

Section 1. Section 8.03.6040 is amended, effective September 1, 2009, to revise paragraphs (a) through (g) and add a new paragraph (h) as follows:

8.03.6040 Sewer Connection Permit Required.

(a) A Sewer Connection Permit as authorized by the Director and issued by the Division of Building and Planning is required prior to the connection, construction, repair, alteration, extension or sewer service line abandonment of any side sewer, or dry side sewer. A Sewer Connection Permit is also required for an interior plumbing reversal that will result in the activation of a connection to the public sewer. A Sewer Connection Permit is also required for each tap made into the Public Sewer System. The standard Sewer Connection Permit Fee allows for a 30-minute inspection. Inspections that require more than 30-minutes may be subject to additional inspection fees.

(b) For a single-family residential dwelling unit, one (1) permit is required.

(c) For a ~~condominium, townhouses, duplexes, triplexes or fourplexes with on more than one land parcel, one (1)~~ separate permit is required per for each land parcel.

(d) For a duplex, triplex or fourplex on a single land parcel, one (1) permit is required ~~per sewer service stub.~~

(e) For ~~multiple buildings (apartments, condominiums, commercial and industrial complexes), with single ownership, one (1)~~ a separate permit is required for each building connecting to the sewer land parcel. For the connection of multiple buildings on one land parcel, the County connections may be consolidated the multiple connections under one a single permit, but the amount of permit fees due in accordance with Section 8.03.8500 of this Chapter, shall be based on the cost of one (1) connection permit fee per building, plus one (1) connection permit application fee, in accordance with the rates established under Section 8.03.8500.

(f) ~~For sewer service line abandonment, one (1) permit is required. Accessory buildings may be connected in conjunction with a single-family dwelling unit without an additional permit or permit fees. Accessory buildings include garages and shops with bathroom facilities, guest houses without kitchen facilities, and permitted temporary dependent relative housing units. Accessory buildings do not include permanent separate residences with kitchen facilities. A separate Sewer Connection Permit will be required for the connection of an accessory building that occurs after the Sewer Connection Permit issued for the primary structure has expired.~~

(g) ~~Sewer Connection Permit requirements not specifically addressed above, shall be as determined by the Director. In the event that a public sewer tap is to be made in conjunction with the connection of a building to the sewer system, the tap and the connection of the building may be consolidated under a single permit. The amount of permit fees due shall be based upon one (1) connection permit fee for the building, one (1) connection permit fee for the tap, and one (1) connection permit application fee, in accordance with the rates established under Section 8.03.8500.~~

(h) Sewer Connection Permit requirements not specifically addressed above, shall be as determined by the Director.

Section 2. Section 8.03.8040 is amended, effective September 1, 2009, to revise paragraphs (a) through (c) as follows:

8.03.8040 Sewer Facility Plan Check.

- (a) Gravity Collection Lines: ~~\$0.40~~ \$0.50 per linear foot of public or private gravity sewer main pipe with a \$100 minimum charge.
- (b) Community On-Site Treatment and Disposal Facilities: ~~\$100 flat fee, plus \$5 per 300 gallons per average daily design flow for the project.~~ Force Mains and Low Pressure Collection Systems: \$0.30 per linear foot of force main pipe or low-pressure collection main pipe. Minimum charge of \$100.
- (c) Pump Stations: \$100 flat fee, plus \$10 for each 300 gallons per of average daily design flow for the project, plus \$.20 per linear foot of pressure sewer pipe pump station.

Section 3. Section 8.03.8420 is amended to revise paragraph (c)(1) as follows:

(c) Rate:

(1) Parcels obtaining Sewer Connection Permits shall pay the GFC rate as detailed in the table below. The GFC rate for existing uses on parcels within an Annual Sewer Construction Program shall be set as a component of the Capital Facilities Rate established by the Board of County Commissioners for the associated program year. For all other new connections, the GFC rate shall be the rate that is in effect at the time the Sewer Connection Permit is issued, in accordance with the following table:

General Facilities Charge (GFC) Per ERU	Effective	Effective	Effective	Jan 1, 2011	Jan 1, 2012
	Jan 1, 2005	Jan 1, 2008	Jan 1, 2010		
Elimination of Subsurface Effluent Discharge	\$1,885	\$1,885	<u>\$1,885</u>	<u>\$1,885</u>	<u>\$2,690</u>
New Development	\$2,540	\$3,635	<u>\$3,930</u>	<u>\$4,220</u>	<u>\$4,510</u>

Section 4. Section 8.03.8500 is amended, effective September 1, 2009, to revise paragraphs (a) and (b) to read as follows:

8.03.8500 Sewer Connection Permit, Inspection And Administrative Fees.

(a) Sewer Connection Permit Fees [Cross Reference: Section 8.03.6040]

- (1) Connection Permit Application: \$15.
- (2) Connection Permit (includes one 30-minute inspection): ~~\$85~~ \$125.
- (3) Connection Permit - Tap into Public Sewer Tap (includes one 30-minute inspection): ~~\$100~~ \$125 per tap (plus hourly inspection rate for inspections exceeding one (1) hour).

(b) Inspection Fees:

- (1) "Call Back" Inspection (includes one 30-minute inspection): \$50 per inspection.
- (2) Hourly Inspection Rate for Additional Inspection Time: ~~\$32~~ \$37 per hour.
- (3) Overtime Hourly Inspection Rate for Additional Inspection Time: ~~\$48~~ \$46 per hour.**
- (4) Weekend/Holiday Inspections: \$100 per inspection. [Cross Reference: Section 8.03.6020(a)(2)]

** This fee was advertised under Resolution No. 09-0527 to go from \$48 per hour to \$55 per hour. At the Public Hearing on June 23, 2009, the Division of Utilities recommended a reduction of the fee from what was advertised. That is to say, a decrease from \$48 per hour to \$46 per hour. The Board of County Commissioners adopted the recommendation of the Division of Utilities.

Section 5. Section 8.03.8520 is amended to revise the table under paragraph (b) as follows:

	Effective Feb 1, 2006	Effective Jan 1, 2008	Effective Jan 1, 2009	Effective Jan 1, 2010
Reduced Rate Residence *				
Sewer Service Fee	----	\$18.33	\$19.83	\$20.86
WTPC	----	\$8.44	\$8.44	\$8.44
Total Monthly Bill	----	\$26.77	\$28.27	\$29.30
Single Family Residence				
Sewer Service Fee	\$21.00	\$22.91	\$24.79	\$26.08
WTPC	\$6.68	\$10.55	\$10.55	\$10.55
Total Monthly Bill	\$27.68	\$33.46	\$35.34	\$36.63
Duplex				
Sewer Service Fee	\$42.00	\$45.82	\$49.58	\$52.16
WTPC	\$13.36	\$21.10	\$21.10	\$21.10
Total Monthly Bill	\$55.36	\$66.92	\$70.68	\$73.26
Multi-Family Dwellings **				
Sewer Service Fee Per Unit	\$13.16	\$14.06	\$15.21	\$16.00
WTPC Per Unit	\$4.68	\$7.38	\$7.38	\$7.38
Account Charge	\$2.20	\$2.83	-\$3.06	\$3.22
Total Monthly Bill	TOTAL DEPENDS ON TOTAL NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS			
Business/Commercial and Manufactured Home Parks ***				
Sewer Service Fee—Base	\$21.00	\$22.91	\$24.79	\$26.08
Sewer Service Fee—Volume	\$2.10	\$2.54	\$2.71	\$2.86
WTPC—Base	\$6.68	\$10.55	\$10.55	\$10.55
WTPC—Volume	\$0.74	\$1.31	\$1.31	\$1.31
Total Monthly Bill	TOTAL DEPENDS ON VOLUME OF WINTER WATER USAGE			

Notes:

* Reduced rate for a qualifying low-income senior or disabled homeowner's primary residence (see Sections 8.03.1760 and 8.03.8525).

** For multi-family dwellings, the sewer service fee is calculated by reducing the single-family residence sewer service fee by the "account charge" (for account maintenance) and applying a factor of 0.7 (see Section 8.03.1247) to the balance. The account charge is then added to each sewer billing account.

*** For business/commercial and manufactured home parks, the sewer service and WTPC fees are based upon the

Customer's volume of non-irrigation water consumption, and is calculated as follows:

— (1) Base Fees (Sewer Service & WTPC) — Charge for the first ERU (see Section 8.03.1247).

— (2) Volume Fees (Sewer Service & WTPC) — Charge per each 100 CF of water consumed over the first ERU.

	<u>Effective</u> <u>Jan 1, 2009</u>	<u>Effective</u> <u>Jan 1, 2010</u>	<u>Effective</u> <u>Jan 1, 2011</u>	<u>Effective</u> <u>Jan 1, 2012</u>
<u>Reduced Rate Residence *</u>				
<u>Sewer Service Fee</u>	<u>\$19.83</u>	<u>\$20.83</u>	<u>\$21.83</u>	<u>\$22.83</u>
<u>WTPC</u>	<u>\$8.44</u>	<u>\$11.44</u>	<u>\$14.20</u>	<u>\$14.63</u>
<u>Total Monthly Bill</u>	<u>\$28.27</u>	<u>\$32.27</u>	<u>\$36.03</u>	<u>\$37.46</u>
<u>Single Family Residence</u>				
<u>Sewer Service Fee</u>	<u>\$24.79</u>	<u>\$26.04</u>	<u>\$27.29</u>	<u>\$28.54</u>
<u>WTPC</u>	<u>\$10.55</u>	<u>\$14.30</u>	<u>\$17.75</u>	<u>\$18.29</u>
<u>Total Monthly Bill</u>	<u>\$35.34</u>	<u>\$40.34</u>	<u>\$45.04</u>	<u>\$46.83</u>
<u>Duplex</u>				
<u>Sewer Service Fee</u>	<u>\$49.58</u>	<u>\$52.08</u>	<u>\$54.58</u>	<u>\$57.08</u>
<u>WTPC</u>	<u>\$21.10</u>	<u>\$28.60</u>	<u>\$35.50</u>	<u>\$36.58</u>
<u>Total Monthly Bill</u>	<u>\$70.68</u>	<u>\$80.68</u>	<u>\$90.08</u>	<u>\$93.66</u>
<u>Multi-Family Dwellings **</u>				
<u>Sewer Service Fee Per Unit</u>	<u>\$15.21</u>	<u>\$15.98</u>	<u>\$16.74</u>	<u>\$17.51</u>
<u>WTPC Per Unit</u>	<u>\$7.38</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>	<u>\$12.42</u>	<u>\$12.79</u>
<u>Account Charge</u>	<u>\$3.06</u>	<u>\$3.21</u>	<u>\$3.37</u>	<u>\$3.52</u>
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<u>Business/Commercial and Manufactured Home Parks ***</u>				
<u>Sewer Service Fee – Base</u>	<u>\$24.79</u>	<u>\$26.04</u>	<u>\$27.29</u>	<u>\$28.54</u>
<u>Sewer Service Fee - Volume</u>	<u>\$2.71</u>	<u>\$2.85</u>	<u>\$2.98</u>	<u>\$3.12</u>
<u>WTPC – Base</u>	<u>\$10.55</u>	<u>\$14.30</u>	<u>\$17.75</u>	<u>\$18.29</u>
<u>WTPC – Volume</u>	<u>\$1.31</u>	<u>\$1.78</u>	<u>\$2.20</u>	<u>\$2.27</u>
<u>Total Monthly Bill</u>	<u>TOTAL DEPENDS ON VOLUME OF WATER USAGE ***</u>			

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