

A RESOLUTION REVISING CONNECTION CHARGES FOR WATER CONNECTIONS OF UNASSESSED PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF ALBANY AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 5434 (A RESOLUTION REVISING CONNECTION CHARGES FOR WATER CONNECTIONS OF UNASSESSED PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF ALBANY AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 5262).

WHEREAS, Chapter 15.30 of the Albany Municipal Code sets forth requirements for connection charges for water connections of unassessed properties within the City of Albany; and

WHEREAS, connection charges are designed to recover the equivalent cost of constructing that portion of the water system that benefits the connecting property; and

WHEREAS, the connection charge for water is generally dependent on the minimum size water line to serve the property according to land use zone and required based on a system-wide analysis of fire flow requirements by land use zone; and

WHEREAS, the minimum size water line for single-family residential land use zones (8-inch pipe) and for multi-family, commercial, and industrial land use zones (12-inch pipe) shall be the basis for calculating the per front foot cost for all properties; and

WHEREAS, the current single-family residential land use zones are Residential Reserve District (RR) Residential Single Family District (RS-10, RS-6.5 and RS-5), and Hackleman-Monteith District (HM); and

WHEREAS, property tax revenue offsets a portion of the bonded debt to retire purchase of water lines from Pacific Power & Light in December 1984; and

WHEREAS, water lines constructed by the North Albany County Service District are financed by property taxes levied by the District; and

WHEREAS, the per front foot dimension shall be calculated by measuring entire length of the property frontage that is adjacent to the water line regardless of the length of the water line along that frontage; and

WHEREAS, it is important to annually adjust connection charges in order to keep pace with the changing cost of public improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, the *Seattle Engineering News-Record* (ENR) Index used in Resolution 5434 was 8629, and the April 2009 Seattle ENR Index to be applied for purposes of this Resolution is 8705 (Index Ratio =  $8705/8629 = 1.0088$ ).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Albany City Council that Resolution 5434 is hereby repealed as of the effective date of the revised charges; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following water connection charge rate is hereby established:

Water Connection Charge Rate:

Single-family Residential - ~~\$26~~ (calculated fee \$26.20) **\$26** per front foot

Multi-family, Commercial or Industrial - ~~\$36~~ (calculated fee \$36.45) **\$36** per front foot

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that properties within the City of Albany connecting to water lines constructed by the North Albany County Service District shall be exempt from the water connection charge; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if a water service is not serving the property in question, the City will install the first 1-inch diameter service to the property. Additional services and any services greater than 1-inch diameter shall be installed at the cost of the property owner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in no case shall the total connection charge be for less than an equivalent of fifty (50) feet of frontage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the connection charge outlined in this Resolution shall not apply to the properties specified in Resolution Number 3788, Resolution Number 3921, and subsequent resolutions specifically referencing the water lines constructed for the Lochner Road utilities project, City project number WL-96-5; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the intent of the Albany City Council to annually adjust the connection charges outlined in this Resolution on the first day of July each calendar year in proportion to the change in the Seattle Construction Cost Index as published in the *Engineering News-Record* (ENR). The adjustment shall be made by calculating the percentage increase/decrease in the index from the last adjustment, and then applying that percentage to the previous year's connection charge; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the effective date of these charges shall be **July 22, 2009**.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE THIS 22<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF JULY 2009.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Deputy City Clerk