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**CITY OF FIRCREST
ORDINANCE NO. 1619**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIRCREST, WASHINGTON, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1464 SECTION 1 AND FMC 21.01.030 GENERAL FACILITIES CHARGE; AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1464 SECTION 2 AND FMC 21.04.130 SERVICE CONNECTION FEES AND WATER METER DROP-IN FEES; AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1589 SECTION 5 AND FMC 21.06.010 PURPOSE; AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1589 SECTION 6 AND FMC 21.06.020 APPLICABILITY.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Fircrest determined to increase the general facilities charge and system connection fees and water meter drop-in fees to more appropriately recover costs associated with connections to the water system and the customer's proportionate share of the value of the existing facilities, based on present day values. Now, Therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIRCREST DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1464 and FMC 21.01.030 are hereby amended to read as follows:

"21.01.030 General Facilities Charge. Each connection to the City water system shall be charged a water general facilities charge based on the customer's proportionate share of the existing facilities and the planned capital improvements at the time of connection. The general facilities charge shall be paid as specified in F.M.C 18.10.070 for each property served based on the meter size required to provide the water service requested, as shown in the following table:

(a) The following general facilities charges shall be as follows:

Meter Size	General Facilities Charge
5/8"	\$4,400
1"	\$11,000
1-1/2"	\$22,000
2"	\$35,200
3"	\$70,400
4"	\$110,000

(b) Such general facilities charges shall be credited to the specific premises served and no other property, and the premises shall be noted by address and permanently filed in the records of the city. Properties with existing services shall be considered to have satisfied the general facilities charges; however, change of use shall require payment for any differential in residential equivalents.

(c) The General Facility Charge schedule shall be updated annually at a rate adjusted in accordance with the Consumer Price Index (CPI-W) for Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton area ending December of each year to be effective January 1 of the following year."

1 **Section 2.** Section 2 of Ordinance No. 1464 and FMC 21.04.130 are hereby amended to
2 read as follows:

3 “21.04.130 Service connection fee and meter drop-in fee. A service connection fee or
4 meter drop-in fee shall be charged and collected by the city for each new permanent
5 connection to its water distribution system, which fee shall be paid before any water is
6 furnished through such connection.

7 The service connection fee will be charged in the event that the city is required to make
8 the physical connection to the existing water main, extend the service line to the property
9 line, and install a complete water meter assembly.

10 The meter drop-in fee will be charged in the event that a developer makes the physical
11 connection to a new water main, extends the service line to the property line, and installs
12 a water meter assembly, and the city inspects such work and installs the water meter in
13 the water meter assembly. The service connection fees and meter drop-in fees will be
14 charged as follows:

15 (a) Service Connection Fee.

Meter Size	Service Connection Fee
5/8”	\$2,065
1”	\$2,135
1-1/2”	\$2,315
2”	\$2,840

16 For meters larger than two inches, the fee will be the actual costs of labor and materials
17 for furnishing and installing the connection, plus an amount equal to 25 percent of the
18 cost of labor and materials for overhead. In addition to the fees listed above, an
19 additional fee of \$25.00 per square foot of pavement restoration required for the
20 connection shall be charged based on measurements made at the time of the connection,
21 and the actual costs of any other related costs shall be the responsibility of the property
22 owner, payable to the city prior to final inspection.

23 The Service Connection Fee shall be updated annually at a rate adjusted in accordance
24 with the Consumer Price Index (CPI-W) for Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton area ending
25 December of each year to be effective January 1 of the following year.

26 (b) Meter Drop-In Fee.

Meter Size	Service Connection Fee
5/8”	\$430
1”	\$485
1-1/2”	\$590
2”	\$740

27 The Meter Drop-In Fee shall be updated annually at a rate adjusted in accordance with
28 the Consumer Price Index (CPI-W) for Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton area ending
29 December of each year to be effective January 1 of the following year.”

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Section 3. Section 5 of Ordinance No. 1589 and FMC 21.06.010 are hereby amended to read as follows:

“21.06.010 Purpose. The purpose of these regulations is to provide a credit to low-income seniors and low-income disabled persons on their water ready to service charges.”

Section 4. Section 6 of Ordinance No. 1589 and FMC 21.06.020 are hereby amended to read as follows:

“21.06.020 Applicability. To city of Fircrest water customers living in one-family or individually billed two-family or multifamily units who have been certified eligible for a low-income senior or low-income disabled person discount by Tacoma Power; and:

(a) Are a single occupant or the head of a household or the spouse of the head of the household; and

(b) Reside in the dwelling unit; and

(c) Are billed or are the spouse of a person billed by the city of Fircrest for water service; and

(d) Customers who have been certified eligible by Tacoma Power for a low-income senior or low-income disabled person discount must provide the city of Fircrest evidence that they are receiving such a discount by Tacoma Power. The discounted rate will begin the first day of the current bimonthly billing cycle in which the aforementioned evidence is received by the city of Fircrest. If a customer closes the active account and establishes a new account, or if a customer has never applied for the discount rate, then the customer must apply in accordance with the hereinabove criteria.”

Section 5. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance should be held 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 sentence.

Section 6. Publication and Effective Date: A summary of this ordinance consisting of its title shall be published in the official newspaper of the city. This ordinance shall be effective five (5) days after such publication.

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**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIRCREST,
WASHINGTON,** at a regular meeting thereof this 9th day of October 2018.

APPROVED:



Hunter T. George, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jessica Nappi, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Michael B. Smith, City Attorney

DATE OF PUBLICATIONS:

EFFECTIVE DATE: