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**CITY OF FIRCREST
ORDINANCE NO. 1621**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIRCREST, WASHINGTON, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1465 SECTION 1 AND FMC 20.04.025 GENERAL FACILITIES CHARGE; AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1465 SECTION 2 AND FMC 20.04.030 SERVICE CONNECTION FEES AND INSPECTION FEES; AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1588 SECTION 4 AND FMC 20.13.020 APPLICABILITY; AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1587 SECTION 2 AND FMC 20.17.020 APPLICABILITY.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Fircrest determined to increase the General Facilities Charge and system connection fees and inspection fees to more appropriately recover costs associated with connections to the sewer 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. 1465 and FMC 20.04.025 are hereby amended to read as follows:

"20.04.025 General facilities charge. Each connection to the city sanitary sewer system shall be charged a general facilities charge based on the customer's proportionate share of the value of the existing facilities and the planned capital improvements at the time of connection for each property served. The general facilities charge shall be a flat rate of \$5,000 except for business, commercial, and industrial connections.

(a) The general facilities charge for business, commercial, and industrial connections shall be computed by multiplying the base rate of \$5,000 times the meter equivalent, based on the meter size table as follows:

Meter Size	Meter Equivalent	General Facilities Charge
5/8"	1.0	\$5,000
1"	2.5	\$12,500
1-1/2"	5.0	\$25,000
2"	8.0	\$40,000
3"	16.0	\$80,000
4"	25.0	\$125,000

(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."

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Section 2. Section 2 of Ordinance No. 1465 and FMC 20.04.030 are hereby amended to read as follows:

“20.04.030 Service Connection Fee and Inspection Fee. A service connection fee or inspection fee, for each residential unit or equivalent, shall be charged and collected by the city for each new permanent connection to its sewer collection system. The service connection fee will be charged in the event that the city is required to make the physical connection to the existing sewer main and extend the service line to the property line. The inspection fee will be charged in the event that a developer makes the physical connection to a new or existing sewer main, extends the service line to the property line, completes all surface restoration, and the city inspects said work. The service connection fees and inspection fees shall be charged as follows:

- (a) Service Connection Fee: \$2,450. In addition to the service connection fee, an additional fee of \$25.00 per square foot of pavement restoration required for the connection shall be charged based on measurements made at the time of connection, and the actual cost of any other related work shall be the responsibility of the property owner payable to the city prior to final inspection.
- (b) The Service Connection Fee 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.
- (c) Inspection Fee: \$350.00.
- (d) The Inspection Fee 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.

Section 3. Section 4 of Ordinance No. 1588 and FMC 20.13.020 are hereby amended to read as follows:

“20.13.020 Applicability. To city of Fircrest sewer 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 sewer service; and

1 (d) Customers who have been certified eligible by Tacoma Power for a low-income
2 senior or low-income disabled person discount must provide the city of Fircrest
3 evidence that they are receiving such a discount by Tacoma Power. The discounted
4 rate will begin the first day of the current bimonthly billing cycle in which the
5 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.”

6 **Section 4.** Section 2 of Ordinance No. 1587 and FMC 20.17.020 are hereby amended
7 to read as follows:

8 “20.17.020 Applicability. To city of Fircrest storm drain customers living in one-family
9 or individually billed two-family or multifamily units who have been certified eligible
10 for a low-income senior or low-income disabled person discount by Tacoma Power;
and:

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

13 (b) Reside in the dwelling unit; and

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

16 (d) Customers who have been certified eligible by Tacoma Power for a low-income
17 senior or low-income disabled person discount must provide the city of Fircrest
18 evidence that they are receiving such a discount by Tacoma Power. The discounted
19 rate will begin the first day of the current bimonthly billing cycle in which the
20 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.”

21 **Section 5.** Severability. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance
22 should be held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such
23 invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any
other section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this sentence.

24 **Section 6.** Publication and Effective Date: A summary of this ordinance consisting of
25 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: