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**CITY OF FIRCREST
ORDINANCE NO. 1705**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIRCREST, WASHINGTON, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1690 SECTION 1 AND FMC 20.04.025 GENERAL FACILITIES CHARGE; AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1690 SECTION 2 AND FMC 20.04.030 SERVICE CONNECTION FEES AND INSPECTION FEES; AND PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, AND ESTABLISHING EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Fircrest determined to increase the sewer system general facilities charge, connection fee, and inspection fee 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;

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined it is in the best interest of the City of Fircrest to amend the City's charges and fees contained in Ordinance 1690 and Fircrest Municipal Code Sections 20.04.025 and 20.04.030;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIRCREST DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1690 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 \$6,190 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 \$6,190 times the meter equivalent, based on the meter size table as follows:

Meter Size	Meter Equivalent	General Facilities Charge
5/8"	1.0	\$ 6,190
1"	2.5	\$ 15,474
1-1/2"	5.0	\$ 30,949
2"	8.0	\$ 49,519
3"	16.0	\$ 99,036

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Meter Size	Meter Equivalent	General Facilities Charge
4"	25.0	\$ 154,745

(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 United States Bureau of Labor Statistics consumer price index (CPI-W) for the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue area ending December of each year, to be effective February 1st of the following year. (Ord. 1690 § 1, 2022; Ord. 1621 § 1, 2018; Ord. 1465 § 1, 2008; Ord. 1293 § 1, 2001; Ord. 1280 § 3, 2001; Ord. 1099 § 2, 1995).

Section 2. Section 2 of Ordinance No. 1690 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: \$3,033. In addition to the service connection fee, an additional fee of \$31 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 United States Bureau of Labor Statistics consumer price index (CPI-W) for the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue area ending December of each year to be effective February 1st of the following year.

(c) Inspection fee: \$434.

(d) The inspection fee shall be updated annually at a rate adjusted in accordance with the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics consumer price index (CPI-W) for the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue area ending December of each year to be effective February 1st of the following year. (Ord. 1690 § 2, 2022; Ord. 1621 § 2, 2018; Ord. 1465 § 2, 2008; Ord. 1293 § 3, 2001; Ord. 1280 § 4, 2001; Ord. 1099 § 1, 1995; Ord. 961 § 1, 1990; Ord. 913 § 2, 1988; Ord. 116 § 3, 1947).


1 **Section 3. Corrections.** The City Clerk and codifiers of the ordinance are authorized to
2 make necessary corrections to this ordinance including, but not limited to, the correction
3 of scrivener/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers
and any references thereto.

4 **Section 4. Severability.** If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase
5 of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such invalidity
6 shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

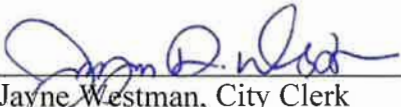
7 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect five days after its passage,
8 approval and publication as provided by law.

9 **APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**
10 **FIRCREST, WASHINGTON,** at a regular meeting thereof this 14th day of March
11 2023.

12 **APPROVED:**

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15 Brett L. Wittner, Mayor

16 **ATTEST:**

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19 Jayne Westman, City Clerk

20 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

21 /s/Robert Zeinemann
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23 Robert Zeinemann, City Attorney