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**CITY OF FIRCREST
ORDINANCE NO. 1706**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIRCREST, WASHINGTON, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1691 SECTION 1 AND FMC 21.01.030 GENERAL FACILITIES CHARGE; AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1691 SECTION 2 AND FMC 21.04.130 SERVICE CONNECTION FEES AND WATER METER DROP-IN FEES; AND PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, AND ESTABLISHING EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Fircrest determined to increase the water system general facilities charge, 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;

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 1691 and Fircrest Municipal Code Sections 21.01.030 and 21.04.130;

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

Section 1. Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1691 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 FMC 17.10.070 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"	\$5,447
1"	\$13,617
1-1/2"	\$27,235
2"	\$43,576
3"	\$87,152
4"	\$136,175

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

6 (c) The general facility charge schedule shall be updated annually at a rate adjusted in
7 accordance with the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics consumer price index (CPI-
8 W) for the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue area ending December of each year to be effective
9 February 1st of the following year. (Ord. 1691 § 1, 2022; Ord. 1619 § 1, 2018; Ord. 1464
10 § 1, 2008; Ord. 1292 § 1, 2001; Ord. 1279 § 2, 2001; Ord. 1098 § 1, 1995; Ord. 961 § 4,
11 1990; Ord. 521, 1965; Ord. 279 § 28(b), 1955).

12 **Section 2.** Section 2 of Ordinance No. 1691 and FMC 21.04.130 are hereby amended to
13 read as follows:

14 **21.04.130 Service connection fee and meter drop-in fee.**

15 A service connection fee or meter drop-in fee shall be charged and collected by the city
16 for each new permanent connection to its water distribution system, which fee shall be
17 paid before any water is furnished through such connection.

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

21 The meter drop-in fee will be charged in the event that a developer makes the physical
22 connection to a new water main, extends the service line to the property line, and installs
23 a water meter assembly, and the city inspects such work and installs the water meter in
24 the water meter assembly. The service connection fees and meter drop-in fees will be
25 charged as follows:

26 (a) Service Connection Fee.

Meter Size	Service Connection Fee
5/8"	\$2,556
1"	\$2,644
1-1/2"	\$2,866
2"	\$3,515

27 For meters larger than two inches, the fee will be the actual costs of labor and materials
28 for furnishing and installing the connection, plus an amount equal to 25 percent of the
29 cost of labor and materials for overhead. In addition to the fees listed above, an additional
30 fee of \$31 per square foot of pavement restoration required for the connection shall be
charged based on measurements made at the time of the connection, and the actual costs
of any other related costs shall be the responsibility of the property owner, payable to the
city prior to final inspection.

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

1 Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue area ending December of each year to be effective February 1st
2 of the following year.

3 (b) Meter Drop-In Fee.

4	Meter Size	Service Connection Fee
5	5/8"	\$532
6	1"	\$600
7	1-1/2"	\$730
8	2"	\$916

9 The meter drop-in fee shall be updated annually at a rate adjusted in accordance with the
10 United States Bureau of Labor Statistics consumer price index (CPI-W) for the Seattle-
11 Tacoma-Bellevue area ending December of each year to be effective February 1st of the
12 following year. (Ord. 1691 § 2, 2022; Ord. 1619 § 2, 2018; Ord. 1464 § 2, 2008; Ord.
13 1292 § 2, 2001; Ord. 1279 § 5, 2001; Ord. 1098 § 2, 1995; Ord. 961 § 5, 1990; Ord. 385,
14 1960; Ord. 279 § 13, 1955).

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

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

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


24 **APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**
25 **FIRCREST, WASHINGTON,** at a regular meeting thereof this 14th day of March
26 2023.

27 **APPROVED:**



28 Brett L. Wittner, Mayor

29 **ATTEST:**

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Jayne Westman, City Clerk

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/Robert Zeinemann
Robert Zeinemann, City Attorney