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Amend RMC 13.38  
Water/Sewer Utility  
Construction Review &  
Inspection Fees

ORDINANCE NO. 1622

**ORIGINAL**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CHAPTER 13.38 OF THE REDMOND MUNICIPAL CODE TO AUTHORIZE THE IMPOSITION OF VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE FEES AND CHARGES FOR PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES RELATING TO EXTENSIONS OF SANITARY SEWER AND WATER UTILITY SERVICE WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS; AND AUTHORIZING THE IMPOSITION OF A NEW HYDRAULIC ANALYSIS FEE AND FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION FEE.

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WHEREAS, Chapter 13.38 of the Redmond Municipal Code currently imposes various administrative fees and charges for performance of services relating to extensions of sanitary sewer and water utility service outside the city limits; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department Utility Division also provides various administrative and processing services relating to application for extensions of sanitary sewer and water utility service within the city limits; and

WHEREAS, the performance of these services requires city staff to spend considerable time and use city equipment and supplies which are currently paid for by all citizens of the city through subsidized monthly utility user rates; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined this current cost recoupment method creates an inequitable result and the cost of these services should be borne by the applicant, who directly benefits from the services provided, rather than all city citizens, and, as a result, the city council wishes to amend Redmond Municipal Code Chapter 13.38 to authorize the imposition

of various administrative fees and charges for performance of services relating to extensions of sanitary sewer and water utility service within the city limits; and

WHEREAS, the City Council also wishes to authorize the imposition of a new hydraulic analysis fee and fire sprinkler system construction fee to be included within the administrative fees and charges relating to extensions of sanitary sewer and water utility service, now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amendment. Redmond Municipal Code Chapter 13.38 is hereby amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 13.38  
ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROCESSING  
SERVICES--COST RECOUPMENT

13.38.010 Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to authorize the imposition of fees and charges for performance of various administrative and processing services relating to extensions of sanitary sewer and water utility service within and outside the City limits.

13.38.020 Construction drawing review project processing fee.

A. Any person desiring to apply for the extension of water and/or sanitary sewer service within or outside the City limits, shall be required to pay a construction drawing review project processing fee. The City shall base the fee upon the following three criteria: (1) the linear footage of pipes to be installed and/or (2) an established flat fee and/or (3) a percentage of the estimated construction costs for special appurtenances.

(1) The linear footage for sewer mains shall be calculated on manhole to

manhole runs and manhole to clean out runs but shall not include 6-inch side sewer pipes.

- (2) The linear footage for water mains shall be calculated on all pipe four (4) inches and larger but shall not include service lines or small lines to appurtenances (blow-offs, air vacuum release valves, etc.).
- (3) The construction drawing review project processing fee for special appurtenances, such as sewage pump stations, pressure reducing valves, booster pump stations, special metering devices, etc., shall be based on a percentage of the estimated cost of construction.

B. Upon submittal of construction drawings for review, a deposit for the construction drawing review project processing fee shall be paid in an amount determined by the Director of Public Works or his/her designee. Such deposit amount shall be based upon an estimate of the linear footage of utility mains to be constructed. The Public Works Director or his/her designee shall subsequently calculate the final fee based upon the actual linear footage of mains to be constructed and/or estimated construction costs. If the final fee is greater than the deposit, the excess shall be paid prior to construction drawing approval. If the final fee is less than the deposit, the overpayment shall be refunded or credited toward additional fees owing at the time of construction drawing approval.

13.38.030 Construction inspection fee.

A. Any person desiring to apply for the extension of water and/or sanitary sewer service within or outside the City limits, shall be required to pay a construction inspection fee. The City shall base the fee upon the following three criteria: (1) the linear footage of pipes to be installed and/or (2) an established flat fee and/or (3) a percentage of the estimated construction costs for special appurtenances.

(1) The linear footage for sewer and water mains shall be determined as set forth in Section 13.38.020(A)(1) and (A)(2).

(2) The construction inspection fee for special appurtenances, such as sewage pump stations, pressure reducing valves, booster pump stations, special metering devices, etc. shall be based on a percentage of the estimated costs of construction.

B. The construction inspection fee shall be paid at the time of construction drawing approval.

13.38.035 Fire sprinkler system construction inspection fee.

Any person desiring to construct underground piping which supplies a fire sprinkler system, wet standpipe system or dry standpipe system within or outside the City limits shall be required to pay a fire sprinkler system construction inspection fee. The City shall base the fee upon the number of connections to the city main and the number of buildings served from the tap to the city main. Dry standpipes shall be for each separate dry standpipe system.

13.38.040 Engineering report review fee.

A. Any person desiring to apply for the extension of water and/or sanitary sewer service within or outside the City limits shall be required to pay an engineering report review fee which shall be assessed for review of all engineering reports, including a water or sewer system plan, plan amendments, pre-design reports, special reports which may be included as appendices to environmental documents or which were required to be prepared through SEPA, site plan review or another Planning Department permit process, and any other similar report prepared for developer extensions and additions to the water and sewer systems.

B. Upon submittal of engineering reports for review, a deposit for the engineering report review fee shall be paid in an amount determined by the Director of Public Works or his/her designee. Such deposit amount shall be based upon the complexity of the project and an estimate of the cost of City staff hours, including direct compensation, benefits and overhead, and costs of equipment and materials to be utilized. Additional deposit amounts may be required during the engineering report review. The Public Works Director or his/her designee will subsequently calculate the final fee based upon both the actual cost of City staff hours, including direct compensation, benefits and overhead, and cost of equipment and material utilized during the engineering report review and approval process. In the event the final fee is greater than the deposit, the difference shall be paid prior to approval and/or final comments on the reports. In the event the final fee is less than the deposit, the difference shall be refunded or credited toward other fees owing at the time of approval and/or final comments on the reports.

13.38.045 Hydraulic Analysis Fee.

Any person desiring the City to perform a computer simulation of the City water system to assist in preparation of an engineering report or to determine the quantity of fire flow available from the water system shall be required to pay a hydraulic analysis fee. The City shall base the fee on the number of separate computer simulations performed.

13.38.050 Outside agency fees.

Any person desiring to apply for the extension of water and/or sanitary sewer service within or outside the City limits, shall be required to pay the fee for any permit or approval charge assessed to the City by an outside agency, including, but not limited to the Washington State Department of Ecology, Washington State Department of Transportation, Washington State Department of Health, King County Agencies and Railroads.

13.38.060 Establishment of fee amounts.

The amounts of the construction drawing review project processing fee, the construction inspection fee, the fire sprinkler system construction inspection fee, and the hydraulic analysis fee, and criteria for the engineer report review fee and outside agency fees, shall be approved by resolution of the City Council.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be 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 ordinance.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance, being an administrative action, is not subject to referendum and shall take effect April 15, 1991, which is at least five (5) days after this ordinance or a summary thereof consisting of the title is published.

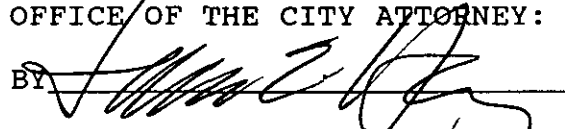
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