

ORDINANCE NO. 2108

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, AMENDING THE REDMOND MUNICIPAL CODE AND PORTIONS OF ORDINANCES 1485, 1762, AND 2037, RELATING TO WATER AND SEWER CONNECTION CHARGES.

WHEREAS, Ordinance 1485 was adopted on April 18, 1989, and this ordinance established water and sewer connection charges and provided procedures and regulations for calculating and collecting the charges, and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 1762 made minor revisions to some of these provisions, and

WHEREAS, the City has used a financial consultant to review the current procedures and regulations for calculating and collecting the charges and is recommending that the cost of the system for calculating the system be revised to also include future system costs and an interest component, and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the consultant's recommendation and is in agreement with the recommended changes to the methodology for calculating the "cost of the system," now, therefore,

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

Section 1. Section 13.11.020 of the Redmond Municipal Code, also being a portion of Section 1 of Ordinance 1485, is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.11.020 Intent of connection charges. The City Council finds that it would be inequitable for owners of property to receive the benefit of connection to the water and sewer system without first paying their equitable share of the cost of the system. The City

Council further finds that it is reasonable and lawful to establish connection charges to prevent such inequity from occurring.

Section 2. Section 13.11.060 of the Redmond Municipal Code, also being a portion of Section 3 of Ordinance 1762, is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.11.060 Calculating and setting general connection charges.

The amount of the water and sewer general connection charges shall be established by resolution or ordinance of the City Council. In establishing the amount of the charges, the City Council shall consider the costs of the system together with any other relevant information, and shall determine the amount of charges, which will result in the payment of an equitable share of the costs of such systems by those property owners desiring to connect to such systems. The amount of the charges shall be reviewed by the utility not less frequently than in January of odd numbered years. Based upon these periodic reviews, the utility shall make a written recommendation to the City Council upon the need for revision of the charges.

Section 3. Section 13.11.090 of the Redmond Municipal Code also being a portion of Section 1 of Ordinance 1485 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.11.090 Cost of the System. “Cost of the system” as used in this Chapter means the original cost of the system, together with projected improvement project cost to expand and improve the system, and together with an interest component. Existing cost and projected costs include costs of planning, designing, acquiring right-of-way and/or easements, permitting, constructing, materials, inspecting, and all other costs to create a complete system improvement. The original cost of the utility systems shall be determined from actual records of the City, or if such records are not complete or available, from an engineer’s estimate of the cost of the system at the time it was constructed, and for planned improvements from an engineer’s estimate of the costs when it will be constructed.

Section 4. Section 13.11.032 of the Redmond Municipal Code also being a portion of Section 1 of Ordinance 2037 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.11.032 Regional Water Connection Charge. There is established a regional water connection charge which shall be imposed upon all owners of real property seeking to connect said

property and improvements to the City water system. The amount of the regional water connection charge shall be equal to the regional capital facility charge imposed by the Cascade Water Alliance plus an additional three percent (3%) of said charge, rounded up to the nearest dollar. The regional water connection charge shall be in addition to any and all other connection charges established by this chapter or elsewhere in the City's Codes and ordinances.

Section 5. 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 6. Effective Date. This ordinance, being the exercise of a power specifically delegated to the City's legislative body, is not subject to referendum, and shall take effect and be in full force five days after its passage and publication of a summary as required by law.

CITY OF REDMOND
/s/ MAYOR ROSEMARIE IVES

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:
/s/ CITY CLERK, BONNIE MATTSON

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY:
/s/ JAMES E. HANEY

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