

CITY OF FIFE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 1854

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIFE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AMENDING SECTION 13.18.070 OF THE FIFE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING STORMWATER UTILITY RATES**

WHEREAS, the City operates a storm drainage and surface water management utility pursuant to Chapters 35A.80 and 35.67 RCW; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the stormwater utility is to protect public and private property from flood damage, protect environmentally sensitive areas, reduced localized flooding, and comply with state and federal regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City's current stormwater utility rates have not been adjusted since 2005 and are well below those of comparable jurisdictions in the region; and

WHEREAS, the City has identified several capital improvements to the City's stormwater system over an eight year period necessary for the City to effectively manage and control storm drainage within the City; and

WHEREAS, in order to fund these capital expenditures, it is necessary to increase stormwater utility rates, incrementally over the next eight years; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the proposed incremental rate increase was held on November 19, 2013; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIFE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 13.18.070 the Fife Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**13.18.070 Rates and charges.**

A. All real property in the city shall be charged a service charge. Service charges shall be uniform for all classes of real property and shall be based on impervious surface area. The city shall determine what rate shall apply to each specific premises within the guidelines set forth herein. The impervious surface

area for each property will place it in one of the following five categories, as to which a rate per month per 500-square-foot increment of premises area shall apply:

1. Undeveloped.
2. Lightly developed.
3. Moderately developed.
4. Heavily developed.
5. Very heavily developed.

In addition to the impervious area charge referenced above, the city shall charge a monthly fixed fee.

B. The city council shall establish from time to time, by ordinance, the amount of all such service charges, fees, and rates.

C. The service charge for storm drainage and surface water management services shall be as follows:

<b>Development Category</b>	<b>Monthly Rate Based on Total Area Effective Through 2013</b>	<b>Monthly Rate Based on Total Area Effective 1/1/14</b>	<b>Monthly Rate Based on Total Area Effective 1/1/15</b>
Base rate per parcel	\$2.00	\$2.40	\$2.88
Undeveloped – One acre or less	\$0.065 per 500 sq. ft.	\$0.078 per 500 sq. ft.	\$0.094 per 500 sq. ft.
Plus for area over one acre	\$0.050 per 500 sq. ft.	\$0.060 per 500 sq. ft.	\$0.072 per 500 sq. ft.
Lightly developed	\$0.100 per 500 sq. ft.	\$0.120 per 500 sq. ft.	\$0.144 per 500 sq. ft.
Moderately developed	\$0.300 per 500 sq. ft.	\$0.360 per 500 sq. ft.	\$0.432 per 500 sq. ft.
Heavily developed	\$0.400 per 500 sq. ft.	\$0.480 per 500 sq. ft.	\$0.576 per 500 sq. ft.
Very heavily developed	\$0.500 per 500 sq. ft.	\$0.600 per 500 sq. ft.	\$0.720 per 500 sq. ft.

<b>Development Category</b>	<b>Monthly Rate Based on Total Area Effective 1/1/16</b>	<b>Monthly Rate Based on Total Area Effective 1/1/17</b>	<b>Monthly Rate Based on Total Area Effective 1/1/18</b>
Base rate per parcel	\$3.46	\$3.56	\$3.67
Undeveloped – One acre or less	\$0.113 per 500 sq. ft.	\$0.116 per 500 sq. ft.	\$0.119 per 500 sq. ft.
Plus for area over one acre	\$0.086 per 500 sq. ft.	\$0.089 per 500 sq. ft.	\$0.092 per 500 sq. ft.
Lightly developed	\$0.173 per 500 sq. ft.	\$0.178 per 500 sq. ft.	\$0.183 per 500 sq. ft.
Moderately developed	\$0.518 per 500 sq. ft.	\$0.535 per 500 sq. ft.	\$0.551 per 500 sq. ft.
Heavily developed	\$0.691 per 500 sq. ft.	\$0.712 per 500 sq. ft.	\$0.733 per 500 sq. ft.
Very heavily developed	\$0.864 per 500 sq. ft.	\$0.890 per 500 sq. ft.	\$0.917 per 500 sq. ft.

<b>Development Category</b>	<b>Monthly Rate Based on Total Area Effective 1/1/19</b>
Base rate per parcel	\$3.78
Undeveloped – One acre or less	\$0.123 per 500 sq. ft.
Plus for area over one acre	\$0.095 per 500 sq. ft.
Lightly developed	\$0.188 per 500 sq. ft.
Moderately developed	\$0.567 per 500 sq. ft.
Heavily developed	\$0.755 per 500 sq. ft.
Very heavily developed	\$0.945 per 500 sq. ft.

**Section 2.** Each and every provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed severable. In the event that any portion of this Ordinance is determined by final order of a court of competent jurisdiction to be void or unenforceable, such determination shall not affect the validity of the

remaining provisions thereof provided the intent of this Ordinance can still be furthered without the invalid provision.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days after publication as required by law. A summary of this Ordinance may be published in lieu of the entire Ordinance, as authorized by State law.

Introduced the 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013.


Passed by the City Council on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Dec 2013.

  
David K. Zabell, City Manager

ATTEST:

  
Carol Etgen, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Loren D. Combs, City Attorney

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