

**CITY OF SULTAN  
WASHINGTON  
ORDINANCE NO. 1279-17**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SULTAN, WASHINGTON,  
ADOPTING WATER GENERAL FACILITIES CHARGE AND  
INSTALLATION FEES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND  
ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 35.92.010 and RCW 35.92.025 the City through its legislative authority has the power and authority to establish rates for water service and also to establish a reasonable connection charge as a condition to granting the right to connect to the City's water system; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to establish charges that reflect the equitable share of the cost of the system for connection to the system; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the city to recover the cost of the water meter and installation costs;

WHEREAS, SMC 13.12.080 B (2) requires the city to set a general facilities charge by separate ordinance; said amount to be per equivalent residential unit (ERU);

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

Section 1. Establishment of the Water General Facilities Charge. The Water General Facilities Charge is hereby imposed on all parties seeking to connect to the water system a water general facilities charge as follows:

1. The charge per equivalent residential unit shall be \$6,147.
2. The GFC may be adjusted annually during the budget process to capture capital costs from the 6-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and changes in the Engineering News Record Construction Cost Index
3. A deposit towards actual cost shall be paid for water service installation from the main to the meter, water meter and inspection based on the City's estimate for installation costs for units not within an approved development or plat. Units outside the city limits shall be responsible for a Snohomish County right-of-way use permit.

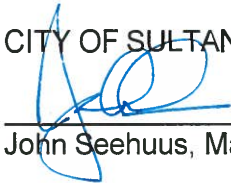
If actual cost differs from the deposit, the balance will be billed or credited on the monthly utility bill.

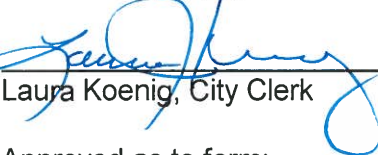
4. A \$400.00 additional charge shall be assessed for water meter, installation and inspection for units within an approved development or plat, with meter service extended to the back of right of way.
5. The charges imposed by this subsection shall be in addition to any charges due under an approved latecomer or cost recovery contract.

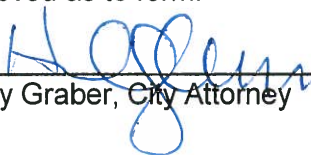
Section 2. Severability. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this Ordinance be pre-empted by state or federal law or regulation, such decision or pre-emption shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper of the City, and shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after the date of publication.

**ADOPTED** BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF ON THE 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2017.

CITY OF SULTAN  
  
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John Seehuus, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:  
  
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Laura Koenig, City Clerk

Approved as to form:  
  
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Hillary Graber, City Attorney

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