

RESOLUTION NO. 74-87

RUSTLEWOOD WATER & SEWAGE SYSTEM

A Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Mason County revising connection charges and other fees; providing for billing and penalties for nonpayment.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

ARTICLE I

Section 1.01 Permit Fees: At the time of application for a building permit, or if an applicant wishes to connect to the water and sewer system, the applicant shall apply for a water and sewer connection permit and shall pay to the County a permit fee as set forth below together with connection charges and/or other charges, if any, required by this Resolution. If the permit is not issued, the permit fee and connection charges shall be refunded. Permit fees shall be as follows:

For each water connection which connects to the system service line, at the property boundary line \$250.00

For each sewer connection which connects to the system service line \$50.00

- a) All structure, service lines and water connection lines shall be inspected by Mason County before the work is backfilled.
- b) A fullway water valve controlling all outlets shall be installed by the owner at the structure service line and be readily accessible to Mason County and the owner.
- c) All service connections to the system shall be connected with a 3/4" valve which shall be provided by Mason County.

Section 1.02 Water Fees: Water services shall be charged by the County on a bimonthly water rate billing as follows:

- a) Single Family Dwelling \$ 8.50/month

Section 1.03 Surcharges: When a connection serves more than one single family structure, house, duplex, apartment or mobile home, in addition to the first service connection, a surcharge of \$8.50 per month shall be added to the billing for each additional unit

Section 1.04 Non-Usage Fees: There shall be a charge for lots or land served by the Rustlewood Water System of \$4.00 per month for non-connected services. There shall be no credits toward connection to the system.

Section 1.05 Sewer fees: Sewer services shall be charged by the county as follows:

- a) Single family dwelling \$15.00/month
- b) Lot without dwelling \$ 7.50/month
- c) Multiple dwellings, each unit shall pay \$15.00/month

ARTICLE II

Section 2.01 Billing - Charges Due: Billings shall be mailed prior to the 10th day of every other month. Water and sewer charges shall be due and payable before the first day of the next bi-monthly billing period for which the charges are made.

Section 2.02 Delinquent Charges and Liens: When sewer and/or water charges are not paid within sixty days after the date of billing, or by the date of the next billing, such charges shall be delinquent and the water may be turned off by the County. In the event a service is disconnected for non-payment, the total bill plus a re-connect charge of \$25.00 must be paid before service is restored. An additional fee of \$8.50 per month for water and an additional fee of \$7.50 per month for sewer shall be charged for each month during the disconnected period. All delinquent charges shall be subject to 1 1/2% interest rate per month.

All delinquent charges and penalties added thereto shall be a lien against the property owner. Delinquent charges shall be certified to the County Treasurer whenever said charges have been delinquent for a period of 60 days and a lien may be filed by the County. Upon the expiration of sixty days after the attachment of the lien, the County may bring suit in foreclosure by civil action in the Superior Court of Mason County. In addition to the costs and disbursements provided by statute, the court may allow the County reasonable costs and attorney's fees. The lien shall be foreclosed in the same manner as the foreclosure of real property tax liens. RCW 36.94.150.

Section 2.03 Billings - to whom mailed: Billings may be mailed to the owner of the property on which the structure so served is located, or his agent, insofar as the County may reasonably ascertain the same. Failure to receive such bills shall not relieve any person liable therefore from the obligation to pay the same, nor the property receiving such service, or capable of receiving such service, from such lien therefore as may thereafter attach to the property in the manner provided by law. A fee of \$10.00 will be charged for any change in tenant, renter, ownership, billing address, etc..

Section 2.04 Violation and Penalties of Water System: Any person or persons, firm or corporation who tampers or permits tampering with the water system shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or by imprisonment in the Mason County Jail not to exceed 90 days, or both fine and imprisonment. Each separate day or any portion thereof, during which any violation continues shall be deemed to constitute a separate offense.

ARTICLE III

Revocations

Section 3.01: Resolution No. 46-82 is hereby cancelled.

ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Mason County this 20th
day of September, 1987.

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