

## **RESOLUTION NO. 592**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF POINT ROBERTS WATER DISTRICT NO. 4 OF WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON, ESTABLISHING REVISED WATER GENERAL FACILITY CONNECTION CHARGES AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NOS. 546 AND 587.

**WHEREAS**, RCW 57.08.005(10) authorizes the Point Roberts Water District No. 4 ("District") to charge property owners seeking connection to the District's water system, as a condition to granting the right to so connect, in addition to the cost of the connection, such reasonable connection charges as the District Board of Commissioners shall determine to be proper in order that those property owners shall bear their equitable share of the cost of the water system; and

**WHEREAS**, the District Board of Commissioners previously approved a uniform water general facility connection charge ("GFC") by the adoption of Resolution No. 546 on December 14, 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, the District Board of Commissioners determined to update and amend such water general facility connection charge; and

**WHEREAS**, Financial Consulting Solutions Group, Inc., the District's financial consultant, by technical report entitled "2007 Water Rate & GFC Update" dated May 3, 2007 recommended that the District's water GFC be revised and updated for all customer classifications so that those property owners seeking connection to the District's water system shall bear their equitable share of the cost of that system; and

**WHEREAS**, the District Board of Commissioners considered such consultant and staff recommendations related to the proposed revision of the District's water general facility connection charge, held a public hearing on June 19, 2007 for public comment on such proposed revisions pursuant to public notice regarding such hearing published in the Bellingham Herald on June 8 and 15, 2007 and then approved revised and updated water GFCs for all classifications by the adoption of Resolution No. 587 on June 22, 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, however, following the adoption of Resolution No. 587 approving revised and updated water GFCs, the District determined that the GFCs had been calculated based on industry standards for water meter sizes and predicted water volumes published by the American Water Works Association (AWWA) and did not utilize historical annual water volumes and calculated ERU Factors (as defined herein) unique to the District for 3/4, 1, 1.5 and 2 inch water meter sizes as set forth in the District's "2007 Water System Plan" adopted by the District Board of Commissioners by Resolution No. 586 on March 28, 2007 ("Plan"); and

**WHEREAS**, the District now desires to approve revised and updated water GFCs utilizing the water volumes and ERU Factors set forth in the Plan for 3/4, 1, 1.5 and 2 inch water meter sizes because such data is based on historical annual water consumption and ERU Factors which are unique to and more accurately reflect water consumption for such customer classifications in the District but to continue to use AWWA criteria for water meter sizes greater than 2 inches for the purposes of calculating GFCs owing for such water meter sizes; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Point Roberts Water District No. 4, Whatcom County, Washington, as follows:

1. Definitions. The terms set forth herein shall be defined for the purposes of assessing water general facility connection charges:

- A. "Residential" or "Equivalent Residential Unit" ("ERU") shall mean each single family residential user or equivalent such as a house, residence or mobile home.
- B. "Multi-residential" shall mean multiple residential units such as apartments or condominiums.
- C. "Commercial" shall mean all commercial, business, industrial or other non-residential business uses.
- D. "Other Uses" shall mean all non-residential, non-multi-residential and non-commercial uses such as parks, golf courses and schools.

2. General Facility Connection Charges. Property owners seeking (a) to connect to, or (b) increased water service from (such as a new service or change in service) the District's water system to serve real property for which the property owner has not paid an equitable share of the cost of such system shall pay a general facility connection charge (GFC) in the amount of Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500.00) per ERU based on the meter size in the Table set forth below as determined by District staff and the District's consulting engineer, in addition to all other applicable District fees and charges; provided, the District may adjust the GFC owing based on meter size if the District determines, in its sole discretion, that the GFC owing is substantially less than or exceeds a property owner's equitable share of the cost of the District's water system.

<b>Meter Size</b>	<b>GFC</b>
3/4"	\$5,500
1"	\$17,435
1 - 1/2"	\$32,010
2"	\$34,925
3"	\$88,000
4"	\$137,500
6"	\$275,000
8"	\$440,000
10"	\$687,500

3. Credit for Prior ULID Assessments. Property owners who were previously assessed for capital facility improvements through District utility local improvement projects (ULIDs) may be entitled to a credit as determined by the District against any GFC owing to connect the property that was previously assessed to the District's water system if the capital facility improvement remains in operation as part of the District's water system at the time connection is applied for and the assessments paid represent capacity-bearing infrastructure included in the general facilities charge.

4. Update of General Facility Connection Charge. The water general facility connection charge referenced herein shall be reviewed periodically and may be adjusted as necessary to include the actual cost to construct facilities planned for construction within the next ten years as contained in the District's adopted Water Comprehensive Plan.

5. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective the 23rd day of July, 2007.

6. Repealer. All prior and existing District resolutions and policies including Resolution Nos. 546 and 587 relating to the District's water general facility connection charges are hereby revised, modified, and superseded to be in accordance with the charge set forth herein.

7. Notice of Adoption. Notice of the foregoing adoption of the uniform water general facility connection charge shall be recorded with the Whatcom County Recorder pursuant to the provisions of the RCW 65.08 et seq., together with exhibits describing the real property affected by such water general facility connection charge.

**ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of Point Roberts Water District No. 4, Whatcom County, Washington, at a special open public meeting held on July 23, 2007.

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N. Madeleine Anderson, President and Commissioner

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William H. Meursing, Commissioner