



## City Council

### Approval of an Ordinance Amending OMC 13.04.390 Related to Water Meter Rates Outside City Limits

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#### **Title**

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#### **Recommended Action**

##### **Committee Recommendation:**

Not referred to a committee

##### **City Manager Recommendation:**

Move to approve an ordinance amending OMC 13.04.390 related to water meter rates outside city limits.

#### **Report**

##### **Issue:**

Whether to approve an ordinance amending OMC 13.04.390 related to water meter rates outside city limits.

##### **Staff Contact:**

Eric Christensen, Water Resources Director, Public Works, 360.570.3741

##### **Presenter(s):**

None - Consent Calendar Item.

##### **Background and Analysis:**

Background and Analysis have not changed from first to second reading.

OMC 13.04.390 establishes a fifty percent water surcharge on properties located outside of the City limits. The current wording in OMC 13.04.390(A) provides three exceptions to the fifty percent water surcharge: (1) where the properties in the urban growth area cannot be annexed due to non-adjacency to the City limits; or (2) due to City policies; or (3) for which a power of attorney or agreement to annex in the future is executed. The plain meaning of OMC 13.04.390(A) does not exclude City-owned properties outside the City limits.

The Olympia Parks Arts and Recreation Department owns properties and the Public Works Water Resources line of business owns properties and infrastructure (e.g. sewer lift stations) that are located outside the City limits, are served with City water, and pay the fifty percent water surcharge.

This amendment to OMC 13.04.390 will eliminate the need for an annexation agreement for City-owned properties located outside of the City limits to have the fifty percent water surcharge waived.

**Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):**

None known at this time.

**Options:**

1. Approve the ordinance amending OMC 13.04.390 related to water meter rates outside city limits. This option fulfills the City Manager's recommendation.
2. Revise and then approve the ordinance amending OMC 13.04.390 related to water meter rates outside city limits. This option may allow City Council to implement additional recommendations.
3. Do not approve the ordinance amending OMC 13.04.390 related to water meter rates outside city limits. This option does not fulfill the City Manager's recommendation.

**Financial Impact:**

This ordinance will waive the fifty percent water surcharge on water accounts for City-owned properties.

**Attachments:**

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