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ORDINANCE _____

AN ORDINANCE relating to Seattle Public Utilities drainage services; amending Chapter 21.33 of the Seattle Municipal Code to update the definition of "highly infiltrative pervious surface" to include additional pervious surface types.

WHEREAS, City drainage fees are based on the estimated amount of stormwater runoff from a property that enters the City's drainage system, as determined by the amount and type of impervious and pervious surface on a property; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 21.33.030.C.2 of the Seattle Municipal Code, properties in the undeveloped, light and moderate rate categories are assigned to a low-impact rate category if they contain sufficient quantities of highly infiltrative pervious surface cover to meet defined performance requirements; and

WHEREAS, recent engineering studies by Seattle Public Utilities have demonstrated that certain athletic field designs meet the defined performance requirements for the low-impact rate category, but are not included in the current definition for "highly infiltrative pervious surface;" NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Effective January 1, 2010, Section 21.33.010 of the Seattle Municipal Code is amended as follows:

SMC 21.33.010 Definitions

For purposes of this chapter, the words or phrases below shall have the following meanings:

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J. "Highly infiltrative pervious surface" means vegetated surface of specific types such as forests or non-forested land that is in the natural progression back to a forested state, or athletic fields that have been designed to substantially meet the same Seattle Public Utilities-defined performance characteristics for infiltrating stormwater.

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Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten (10) days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2009, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this ____ day of _____, 2009. _____
President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this ____ day of _____, 2009. _____ Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2009. _____ City Clerk

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