

ORDINANCE NO. 15470

An ORDINANCE amending 15.12.015 of the Thurston County Code relating to annual calculation of monthly connection charges for Grand Mound commercial, industrial and irrigation accounts.

WHEREAS, Thurston County, in accordance with the provisions of RCW 36.94, owns and operates four different public water and sewer utilities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 36.94.140, the Thurston County Board of Commissioners (Board) has jurisdiction and authority to manage, regulate and control its water and sewer systems and to fix, alter, regulate and control the rates and charges for the service and facilities, and levy charges for connection to the system; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 36.94.130, the Board may adopt by ordinance reasonable rules and regulations governing the maintenance, operation, use, connection and service of its sewer and water systems; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds it necessary to clarify the calculation for the monthly connection charge for Grand Mound commercial, industrial, and irrigation accounts; and

WHEREAS, the Board held a public hearing to hear comments on and consider the proposed code changes on May 16, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Thurston County, Washington, does ordain and adopt the following changes to the Thurston County Code, retroactive to January 1, 2017, as follows:

15.12.015 - Equivalent residential unit capacity calculations for Grand Mound commercial and industrial uses.

- A. The department shall use the following table to determine general facility charges (GFCs) pursuant to Sections 15.09.200 and 15.10.200 for commercial and industrial uses in Grand Mound.

Type of Establishment	Calculation	Per Unit	Equals E.R.U*
1. Restaurant	1000	Square feet	3
2. Pub/tavern	1000	Square feet	2.2
3. General office	1000	Square	0.4

		feet	
4. Medical/dental	1000	Square feet	0.3
5. Hair salon	1000	Square feet	0.5
6. Laundry	1000	Square feet	5
7. Car wash—automatic	1	Each bay	20
8. Car wash—hand	1	Each bay	2
9. Auto service—gas plaza	1000	Square feet	1.8
10. Auto service—repair shop	1000	Square feet	0.5
11. Auto service—mini mart	1000	Square feet	0.5
12. Auto sales	1000	Square feet	0.3
13. Bank	1000	Square feet	0.3
14. Grocery store	1000	Square feet	1
15. Retail store	1000	Square feet	0.2
16. Nursing/rest home	1000	Square feet	1.3
17. Retirement apartments/assisted care	1000	Square feet	0.9
18. Warehouse or manufacturing (without production flows)	1000	Square feet	0.1
19. Storage unit/warehouse	1000	Square feet	0.1
20. Hotel or motel	1000	Square feet	2
21. School—elementary	1000	Square feet	0.2
22. Church	1000	Square feet	0.4

* Pursuant to Sections 15.09.200 (D) and 15.10.200 (D), "the minimum service charge per account shall not be less than one E.R.U."

B. Review and Adjustment. The department shall review usage annually after connection. For commercial and industrial accounts other than irrigation, if the review shows the average monthly use, for months where use exceeded three hundred fifty cubic feet per month (volume of ½ E.R.U) above the purchased E.R.U.(s), the user's monthly connection charge shall be adjusted to require payment for any averaged E.R.U.(s) above the currently purchased E.R.U.s. The average E.R.U.(s), shall be rounded up to the next E.R.U. when an averaged increase occurs. Rounding up or down shall occur only when there is an averaged remainder E.R.U. that is fifty percent or higher; EXCEPT as follows: For irrigation accounts, the user's monthly connection charge, which shall be retroactive to January 1, 2017, shall be the average monthly E.R.U.(s) calculated as follows: total annual usage divided by seven hundred cubic feet (volume of 1 E.R.U.) divided by twelve months.

Severability. If any section, clause or provision of this Ordinance is declared by the courts to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Effectiveness. This Ordinance shall take effect January 1, 2017.

ADOPTED: May 16, 2017

ATTEST:

Laborinda J. Boymer
Clerk of the Board

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