



October 28, 2022

To: Building Industry Association/Development Stakeholders

Re: System Development Charges (SDCs) Forecast for District Service Areas

The District has a long history of investing in wastewater infrastructure to support economic development in our community. In order for this policy to continue the District will be updating the SDC schedule to reflect the realities of significantly escalating infrastructure costs and the impacts of disrupted supply chains. As you have likely experienced in your own work, the District has seen construction costs escalate 20% to 50% or more over the last 1-2 years. The District was able to maintain a flat connection charge schedule (no increase) from 2021 to 2022 but will need to update the schedule to better reflect infrastructure cost realities going forward.

After a review with the Board of Commissioners, the District is proposing SDC rate adjustment of 8%, 7%, 7%, and 6%, respectively, in years 2023 to 2026. Please also note the creation of a new SDC category for the areas where Clark County lifted the Urban Holding designation in 2019 (greater Fairgrounds/179th Street corridor) as shown on the attached map. These areas have similar elevated infrastructure investment needs as the Ridgefield service area, so the District will be transitioning costs for the Urban Holding area as noted below.

Proposed System Development Charges*

Service Area	2021/2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Ridgefield	\$8,750	\$9,450	\$10,112	\$10,819	\$11,468
Salmon Creek – Urban Holding Area (New)	\$5,908	\$6,381	\$8,600	\$10,819	\$11,468
Salmon Creek	\$5,908	\$6,381	\$6,827	\$7,305	\$7,744
Westside/Vancouver	\$2,920	\$3,154	\$3,374	\$3,611	\$3,827

*Does not include the side sewer permit fee

These changes will be further considered in the Board of Commissioner meetings for the remainder of the year as part of the budget process and are anticipated to be in effect on **January 1, 2023**. Please consider attending Board meetings in November (8th, 15th, or 22nd) or December (13th, 20th, or 27th) to provide input on this process. The District Board meeting dates are available on the District website and meetings may be attended in person or virtually.

If you have any questions or seek to provide comment, please contact me by telephone at (360) 993-8841 or via email at Imacdonald@crwwd.com.

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