

CITY OF STANWOOD
Stanwood, Washington

ORDINANCE 1387

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STANWOOD AMENDING STANWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE (SMC) SECTION 12.16.030, REGARDING FIRE HYDRANT SERVICE

WHEREAS, person(s) requesting to obtain bulk water from the City of Stanwood do so with the purchase of a hydrant use permit; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SMC 12.16.030, the City currently charges customers who would like to purchase bulk water for various uses a hydrant use fee of \$50 a day; and

WHEREAS, the current hydrant use permit sets no limit on the quantity of water withdrawal allowed per day; and

WHEREAS, this unlimited withdrawal practice is contrary to the adopted rate structure for regular City water customers; and

WHEREAS, regardless of meter size, all regular customers are limited to certain monthly water usage with overage rates charged for usage above the set limits; and

WHEREAS, water withdrawal from a City hydrant is equivalent to a 3 inch water meter; and

WHEREAS, most bulk customers typically only use 134 to 401 cubic feet (1,000 to 3,000 gallons) on a given day; and

WHEREAS, periodically a contractor or individual will need to make multiple trips to the City Public Works Yard hydrant facility and use 668+ cubic feet (5,000+ gallons); and

WHEREAS, recently one contractor used 5710 cubic feet (42,711 gallons) for the current daily fee of \$50; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend the bulk water sales practice for equity purposes to more closely align the practice of water withdrawal to limits and charges for regular water customers; and

WHEREAS, there are no longer any existing or new privately owned or maintained fire hydrants allowed in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City's policy and practice was brought to the Public Works Committee on February 2, 2015 for discussion and a recommendation back to Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds for all of the reasons set forth above that the public interest will be served by adoption of this amending ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Stanwood as follows:

Section 1. SMC Section 12.16.030 entitled "Fire hydrant service" is hereby amended to read as follows:

Hydrant Use Fee. Persons may request to draw water from the Public Works Yard hydrant on a daily pay per use basis. Such use shall require a use fee of \$50.00 per day and allow up to 5,000 gallons or 668.4 cubic feet of water withdrawal. Water withdrawal over 5,000 gallons or 668.4 cubic feet per day shall be charged an added \$5.34 per each additional 100 cubic feet or any portion thereof.

Section 2. Severability - If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is ruled invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portion of this Ordinance shall remain valid and be in full force and effect.

Section 3. Effective Date - This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days after publication by summary.

PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor this 26th day of February, 2015.

CITY OF STANWOOD

By: Leonard Kelley
Leonard Kelley, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: Greg Thrasher
Greg Thrasher, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

By: Grant K. Weed
Grant K. Weed, City Attorney

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