

1 APPROVED: 08/16/2023  
2 EFFECTIVE: 08/27/2023

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4 SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
5 Snohomish County, Washington

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7 ORDINANCE NO. 23-072

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9 RELATING TO STORM AND SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT; AMENDING SCC  
10 25.20.055 TO EXTEND SERVICE CHARGES FOR LAKE KETCHUM RESTORATION

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12 WHEREAS, as authorized by chapter 36.89 RCW, Title 25 of the Snohomish  
13 County Code (SCC) imposes storm and surface water management service charges on  
14 real property located within the unincorporated area of Snohomish County and areas  
15 annexed to cities since 2009; and

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17 WHEREAS, Lake Ketchum has historically suffered from severe toxic algal  
18 blooms caused by phosphorus pollution; and

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20 WHEREAS, Snohomish County and the property owners around Lake Ketchum  
21 have been working to control nuisance and toxic algae problems in the lake; and

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23 WHEREAS, there is a need to continue work to control toxic algae problems in  
24 Lake Ketchum to prevent future toxic algal blooms; and

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26 WHEREAS, the lakefront property owners association, known as the Ketchum  
27 Shores Improvement Club (KSIC), met on May 20, 2023, and voted to request that the  
28 County extend the Lake Ketchum restoration service charges for an additional five  
29 years with an increase for lakefront lot owners from \$175 to \$200 and community beach  
30 lot owners from \$35 to \$40; and

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32 WHEREAS, on August 16, 2023, the County Council held a public hearing after  
33 proper notice and considered public comment and the entire record related to the code  
34 amendments contained in this ordinance.

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36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

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38 Section 1: The county council hereby adopts the foregoing recitals as findings of  
39 fact and conclusions as if set forth in full herein.

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41 Section 2. Snohomish County Code Section 25.20.055, last amended by  
42 Amended Ordinance No. 20-081 on January 20, 2021, is amended to read:

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44 **25.20.055 Service charges for Lake Ketchum restoration.**

45 (1) In addition to the annual service charges established in SCC 25.20.020, all  
46 real property abutting the shore of Lake Ketchum shall be subject to an additional

1 annual service charge for the purpose of managing and controlling blue-green and toxic  
2 algae blooms and phosphorus pollution in Lake Ketchum.

3 (2) For the period beginning January 1, (~~(2019)~~)2024, and ending December 31,  
4 (~~(2023)~~)2028, the rate categories and additional annual service charges for real  
5 property abutting Lake Ketchum shall be as follows:

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7 **Table 25.20.055(2)**

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9 **Annual Service Charge for Lake Ketchum Restoration**

Rate Category	Annual Service Charge
Lake Front	<del>((\$175.00))</del> <u>\$200.00</u> per parcel of real property abutting the shoreline of Lake Ketchum
Community Beach Lot	<del>((\$35.00))</del> <u>\$40.00</u> per parcel of real property with an undivided ownership interest in lake front real property used for common beach access

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11 (3) All service charges collected under this section shall be used solely for the  
12 management and control of blue-green and toxic algae blooms and phosphorus  
13 pollution in Lake Ketchum.

14 (4) A detailed map of the real property subject to the additional service charges  
15 established in this section is available in the department of conservation and natural  
16 resources and incorporated herein by this reference.

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18 Section 3. Severability and Savings. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase  
19 of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent  
20 jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or  
21 constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance.  
22 Provided, however, that if any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is  
23 held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then the section, sentence,  
24 clause, or phrase in effect prior to the effective date of this ordinance shall be in full  
25 force and effect for that individual section, sentence, clause, or phrase as if this  
26 ordinance had never been adopted.

1 PASSED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.  
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4 SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
5 Snohomish County, Washington  
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7 Jared Mead  
8 Council Chairperson  
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13 ATTEST:

14 M. Glendon  
15 Deputy Clerk of the Council  
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18 (X) APPROVED  
19 ( ) EMERGENCY  
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22 DATE: August 17, 2023  
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24 [Signature]  
25 County Executive  
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27 ATTEST:

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30 Melissa Geraghty  
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34 Approved as to form only:

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36 Tamara Chirik 6/21/23  
37 Deputy Prosecuting Attorney  
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