

# County Council

SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON



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ORDINANCE NO. 84-057

RELATING TO STORM AND SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT

BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. Snohomish County Code subsection 25.07.060(2)(e), adopted by Ordinance No. 83-153 on December 23, 1983, is amended to read as follows:

(e) The property is owned and is the personal residence of a person or persons (~~over-65-years-of-age,~~) certified by the County Assessor as qualified for a Senior Citizen or Disabled Persons property tax exemption; property qualifying hereunder shall be exempt from charges imposed in 25.07.040.

Section 2. Snohomish County Code subsection 25.07.060(3), adopted by Ordinance No. 83-153 on December 23, 1983, is amended to read as follows:

(3) (~~Upon-the-adoption-of-a-comprehensive-drainage-basin-plan-for-each-individual-basin,-parcels-within-that-basin~~) A parcel which is not classified as "single family home" or "condominium" may also be eligible for a rate ((reductions)) adjustment when any of the following conditions ((exist-)) are found to exist following site inspection by the Director of his/her designee.

(a) The parcel discharges into an on-site or regional drainage control facility built (~~under-the-regulatory-authority-of~~) to the standards set forth in the Snohomish County Drainage Ordinance, Title 24, ((AND-a-ten-year-operation-and-maintenance-fee-has-been-paid-to-the-County-under-the-provisions-of-24.28.040-and-24.28.080--Approved-reductions-will-be-prorated,-based-on-the-amount-of-the-operation-and-maintenance-fee-paid-)) AND said facility is adequately operated and maintained by the owner.

(b) The parcel contains, wholly or in part, a stream, creek, lake, ((or)) pond or wetland that ((has-been-identified-in-the-comprehensive-drainage-plan-as)) is, according to sound engineering principles, an important drainage facility or has been identified in a comprehensive drainage basin plan as an important drainage facility, PROVIDED that said facility is maintained in its natural state by the property owner.

~~((c) The parcel contains, wholly or in part, a wetland that is maintained in its natural state by the property owner.))~~

(i) For the purposes of this ordinance, wetlands must have one or more of the following attributes: (1) at least periodically, the land supports predominantly wetland plant species, (2) the substrate is predominantly undrained, wet soil, and (3) the substrate is non-soil and is saturated with water or covered by shallow water at some time during the growing season of each year.

(ii) For the purposes of this ordinance, maps prepared by the U.S. Fish and Game Service of most Snohomish County wetlands which qualify under 25.07.060((e))(b)(i) above may be used to support any request for a rate adjustment.

(c) The rate adjustment granted hereunder shall be effective for a two year period only, provided that said adjustment may be renewed upon bi-annual reapplication and County inspection certifying that the system is functioning properly.

(d) If the Director finds that the system fails to meet the proper operating standards or is in disrepair so that its performance is impaired, the Director shall notify the owner of the property in writing. The notice shall state that within 20 days of the date of the notice the owner shall have restored the system to a proper operating condition or the rate adjustment granted under this subsection will be revoked and the property shall be charged at the standard rate for the category assigned the subject property established by section 25.07.040.

Dated May 14, 1984

Donald J. Britton  
Chairman

ATTEST:

Kathleen J. Norton  
ASST. Clerk of the Council

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Linda McCrea

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Deputy County Executive

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