

SKAGIT COUNTY
Resolution # R20250181
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RESOLUTION NO.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE
DRAINAGE UTILITY RATE STRUCTURE**

WHEREAS, on December 12, 1994 the Board of Skagit County Commissioners ("Board") adopted Ordinance No. 15572, which created the Skagit County Drainage Utility pursuant to RCW 36.89 to plan, design, manage, construct and maintain storm drainage and stormwater control facilities within Skagit County; and,

WHEREAS, RCW 36.89.080 authorizes the Skagit County Board of Commissioners to establish Drainage Utility rates and charges; and,

WHEREAS, on December 31, 1996, the Board adopted Resolution No. 16404, which established the initial annual rates to fund implementation of Drainage Utility activities and programs; and,

WHEREAS, the Drainage Utility rates were revised per Resolution #R20070582 (dated December 4, 2007), per Resolution #R20100374 (dated November 2, 2010), per Resolution #R20130396 (dated December 17, 2013), and most recently, per Resolution #R20240103 (dated May 20, 2024); and,

WHEREAS, Public Works Department staff has recommended that said Drainage Utility rates should be updated and revised to provide adequate revenue to fund necessary Drainage Utility activities and purposes; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to a public hearing held on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 (scheduled pursuant to Resolution# R20250165), the Board adopted An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12.19 Skagit County Code, on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, (Ordinance# O2025 0008) amending the Drainage Utility basis of charges for certain classes of properties; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the amendment to the Skagit County Code (SCC 12.19) pursuant Ordinance #O2025 0008, the Board determined that some revisions to the Drainage Utility rate structure would be appropriate and desirable in order to adequately fund the Drainage Utility program, and the Board did by Resolution #R20250165 call for a Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 9:15 a.m., (or as soon thereafter as possible), to consider revisions to the Drainage Utility rate structure and receive public comment thereon; and

WHEREAS the Board held said Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, and considered public comment received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Skagit County Drainage Utility annual rates shall be revised as follows, effective January 1, 2026:

Class of Property	Basis of Charge
(a) Parcels containing timber land or undeveloped land.	Charge per parcel, in the amount of twenty dollars (\$20.00), with an annual incremental three percent (3%) charge adjustment increase each year, effective January 1, 2026, and continuing each year thereafter.
(b) Parcels containing single-family residences or duplex, triplex, or four-plex residential units (multifamily).	Charge per parcel, in the amount of one hundred twenty dollars (\$120.00), with an annual incremental three percent (3%) charge adjustment increase each year, effective January 1, 2026, and continuing each year thereafter.
(c) Parcels containing apartments of more than four residential units, commercial, industrial, or institutional establishments outside the NPDES permit area.	Charge per parcel, in the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00), with an annual incremental three percent (3%) charge adjustment increase each year, effective January 1, 2026, and continuing each year thereafter.
(d) Parcels containing apartments of more than four residential units, commercial, industrial, or institutional establishments inside the NPDES permit area.	Charge per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU)*
(e) Parcels containing developed open space farm and agricultural land.	Charge per parcel, in the amount of one hundred twenty dollars (\$120.00), with an annual incremental three percent (3%) charge adjustment increase each year, effective January 1, 2026, and continuing each year thereafter.
(f) County roads.	Charge per impervious surface square foot, in the amount of \$ 0. 0040.
(g) State roads.	Charge per impervious surface square foot, in the amount of \$ 0. 0040.

- * Equivalent residential unit fee calculation = # ERU × base rate \$/year
 - 1 ERU = 3,000 square feet impervious surface
 - Base rate = \$120
 - Effective January 1, an annual charge adjustment increase of three percent shall be applied

effective January 1, 2026, and such annual incremental charge adjustment shall also be subsequently applied and increased by three percent each year thereafter

All annual charge adjustment increases of three percent (3%) as provided herein shall be applied effective January 1, 2026, and such annual incremental charge adjustment shall also be subsequently applied and increased by three percent (3%) each year thereafter without further action by the Board.

DATED this 12 day of August, 2025.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



Attest:

Andrew Epp
Clerk of the Board

Approved as to form:

John Epp 8/7/25
Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Lisa Janicki
Lisa Janicki, Chair

ABSENT
Ron Wesen, Commissioner

Peter Browning
Peter Browning, Commissioner

Recommended:

Michael Lee
Department Head