



June 17, 2026

BCC Agenda Item: \_\_\_\_\_

Board of County Commissioners  
Acting as the governing body of Water Environment Services  
Clackamas County

**Approval of a Resolution Adjusting Sanitary Sewer and Stormwater System Development Charge Fees for Water Environment Services for Fiscal Year 2026-27. Fiscal Impact is approximately \$223,000 in additional revenues. No County General Funds are involved.**

**Previous Board Action/Review:** The Board adopted the System Development Charge (SDC) Methodology and established a Sanitary Sewer SDC of \$9,375 and a Surface Water SDC of \$265 on September 18, 2025.

**Performance Clackamas:** 1. This project supports WES' strategic plan to manage WES' financial resources to meet current and future funding needs, and to maintain fair, reasonable, and equitable rates that demonstrate fiscal responsibility.

2. This project supports the County's Strategic Priority to build public trust through good government.

**Counsel Review:** Yes

**Procurement Review:** N/A

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:** The attached resolution adjusts the sanitary sewer and stormwater system development fees for Water Environment Services (WES), effective July 1, 2026.

WES completed an update to its Wastewater and Stormwater System Development Charge methodology based on updated population projections and the FY 2025/26–2029/30 Capital Improvement Plan adopted by the Board in February 2025.

To ensure that revenues keep pace with funding needs for new infrastructure, an inflationary adjustment in the Sanitary Sewer SDC is proposed of approximately 2.72% to \$9,630.00, and an inflationary adjustment in the Surface Water SDC is proposed of approximately 2.72% to \$272.00. These adjustments are based on the Engineering News Record 20-City National Average Construction Cost Index change from March 2025 to March 2026 of 2.72%.

The new fees are projected to collect approximately \$219,000 in additional sewer SDCs and approximately \$4,000 in surface water SDCs annually.

The attached resolution has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel.

**RECOMMENDATION:** WES staff recommends the Board, acting as the governing body of Water Environment Services, approve the resolution 1) adjusting the sanitary sewer system development charge to \$9,630.00, and adjusting the surface water system development charge to \$272.00 for WES Rate Zone 2. Fiscal impact is approximately \$223,000 in additional revenues.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Geist  
Director, WES

Attachments: Resolution

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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON**

A Resolution Adjusting Sanitary  
Sewer and Stormwater System  
Development Charge Fees for  
Water Environment Services for  
FY 2026-27.



RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

This matter comes before the Board of County Commissioners of Clackamas County, Oregon, acting as the governing body of Water Environment Services (the "Board").

WHEREAS, on September 18, 2025, WES adopted updated wastewater and stormwater system development charge (SDC) methodologies, by Resolution No. 2025-065, which presents the fee calculations; and

WHEREAS, the calculated fee for the sanitary sewer SDC in the methodology is \$12,285.00; and

WHEREAS, the calculated fee for the surface water SDC in the methodology is \$480.00; and

WHEREAS, input from the Board, WES Advisory Committee, and development community supported phasing in the fee increases over a 10-year period; and

WHEREAS, the first fee increases were adopted on September 18, 2025, with an effective date of November 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, WES' Rules and Regulations allow for adjustments to SDCs by resolution based upon the periodic application of a specific cost index; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds it necessary to adopt the Engineering News Record Construction Cost Index ("ENR CCI") as a method of increasing fees to keep pace with inflation and offset increased costs in providing sanitary sewer and surface water services. The percent change in the ENR 20-City National Average CCI reflected an increase of 2.72% from March 2025 to March 2026; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the ENR 20-City National Average CCI of 2.72%, the FY 2026-27 fees are \$9,630.00 per EDU for sanitary sewer and \$272.00 per ESU for surface water; and

WHEREAS, notice of the proposed fees was issued pursuant to ORS 223.304 to interested parties; and

WHEREAS, WES Rules and Regulations allow for the establishment of fees by resolution or order of the Board.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF WATER ENVIRONMENT SERVICES, THAT:**

1. Effective July 1, 2026, a Sanitary Sewer SDC for Rate Zones 1 and 2 of \$9,630.00 per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) is established, consisting entirely of an improvement fee.
2. Effective July 1, 2026, a Stormwater SDC for Rate Zone 2 of \$272.00 per Equivalent Service Unit (ESU) is established, consisting of an improvement fee of \$251.00 per ESU and a reimbursement fee of \$21.00 per ESU.

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3. WES staff is directed to publish the updated SDC fees where appropriate, in accordance with this resolution.

ADOPTED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026.

Water Environment Services

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Chair

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Recording Secretary