

ORDINANCE NO. 771

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE NACHES MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 13.04 RELATING TO ESTABLISHING A PLANT INVESTMENT FEE FOR CONNECTION TO AND USE OF THE DOMESTIC WATER SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Town of Naches operates a domestic water system for the benefit of the community, and customers have been paying for upgrades to the existing system to keep it operating properly and comply with regulatory requirements; and

WHEREAS, the existing customers have developed equity in the system and that equity has value to new connections since facilities are in place for use by the new connections; and

WHEREAS, establishing plant investment fees is a means for new connections to pay for the value of the existing system and those fees are necessary to implement future capital improvements to the Town's water facilities.

NOW THEREFORE THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF NACHES,
WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Naches Municipal Code Section 13.04 is modified as follows:

The following new section is added to the Section 13.04 of the Naches Municipal Code:

13.04.065 Plant investment fee – Water system.

- A. Any property owner, prior to connecting to the domestic water system, shall be required to purchase a portion of the depreciated water source, transmission, pumping facilities, storage facilities, and system capacity improvements through the payment of a plant investment fee (P.I.F.).
- B. Any new or expanded existing use, requesting or requiring connection to the domestic water system, shall pay the required P.I.F. The P.I.F. is due and payable prior to the installation of the new or expanded water service. A P.I.F. is nonrefundable and shall remain as part of the property to which it has been assigned, to be passed on with the sale of the land.
- C. Funds collected from the water system plant investment fee shall be deposited in the Water Reserve Fund No. _____.
- D. Water system plant investment fees shall be charged as follows:

Size of Meter	Water System Plant Investment Fee
3/4-inch	\$1,530.00
1-inch	\$1,950.00
1 1/2-inch	\$2,500.00
2-inch	\$4,030.00
3-inch	\$15,300.00
4-inch	\$19,470.00
6-inch	\$29,210.00
8-inch	\$40,340.00

- D. No refund will be given for a reduction of meter size from the meter size installed at the time the connection was made.
- E. Property located outside the municipal boundary shall pay one hundred fifty percent of the applicable water system plant investment fee for municipal residents.
- F. The water system plant investment fee is due when the request is made to install the water meter. Applicants for meters two inches or larger may pay the sewage plant investment fee in three equal installments with one-third due at the time of application and the balance in two equal installments which are due one year and two years from the date of the original application.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance nor the overall validity of this Ordinance.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper of the Town and shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after the date of publication.

**PASSED AND ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF NACHES,
WASHINGTON this 13th day of December, 2021.**

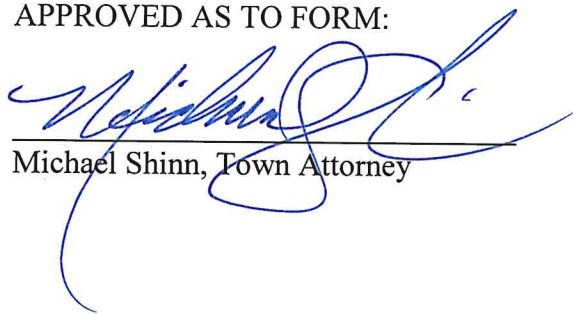


Paul D. Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:


Elvira Birrueta, Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Michael Shinn, Town Attorney