

RESOLUTION NO. 550

RESOLUTION ADJUSTING WATER PLANT INVESTEMENT FEES FOR PROJECTS THAT BENEFIT LOW INCOME PERSONS

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the East Wenatchee Water District has determined that a number of low-income citizens are in need of financial assistance, and

WHEREAS, Washington State Constitution, Article VIII, Section 7, permits the District to support the poor and infirm without credit being loaned, and

WHEREAS, RCW 57.08.005 (10) subject to subsection (6) of this section, to fix rates and charges for water, sewer, and drain service supplied and to charge property owners seeking to connect to the district's systems, as a condition to granting the right to so connect, in addition to the cost of the connections, such reasonable connection charge as the board of commissioners shall determine to be proper in order that those property owners shall bear their equitable share for the cost of the system, and

WHEREAS, the District desires to establish a policy of adjusting water plant investment fees for projects that benefit low income persons as defined herein, and

WHEREAS, RCW 57.08.005(21) allows districts, defined by RCW 57, to exercise any of the powers granted to cities and counties with respect to the acquisition, construction, maintenance, operation of, and fixing rates and charges for waterworks and systems of sewerage and drainage, and

WHEREAS, RCW 57.08.014 allows the District to adjust or delay its rates or charges for low-income persons or classes of low-income persons, including but not limited to, low-income handicapped persons and low-income senior citizens, and

WHEREAS, RCW 57.08.014 also requires the District to provide notification of such low-income rates or charges to be provided to all persons served by the District annually and upon initiating service, and


WHEREAS, the Board of Water Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interest of the District and the Community to adjust the Plant Investment Fee portion of the District's connection fee as set forth in this Resolution, and

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of the East Wenatchee Water District, the Plant Investment Fee portion of the District's fee is adjusted for the low-income class of customers known as the "Habitat for Humanity"; provided, however, this adjustment shall not apply to any Latecomer or Local Facilities charges applicable to said customers by the District.

ADOPTED, by the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of the EAST WENATCHEE WATER DISTRICT, Douglas County, Washington at a regular meeting thereof, this 1st day of December, 2004.


Glen Broadsword, President

ATTEST:


Mike McCourt, Secretary