

RESOLUTION NO. 2294-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON, APPROVING THE WAIVER OF WATER CONNECTION FEES PAID BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF SKAGIT COUNTY (HASC) TO THE DISTRICT ON THE CONDITION OF REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE'S (COMMERCE) CHIP FUNDING TO HASC FOR FEES PAID TO THE DISTRICT FOR THE HASC FAMILY HOUSING PROJECT LOCATED AT 4103 E. COLLEGE WAY; MOUNT VERNON, WASHINGTON (HASC FAMILY HOUSING).

WHEREAS, the State Legislature, in 2012, authorized municipalities to waive system development charges partially or fully, also known as tap-in charges, connection or hookup fees, for housing designated for low-income persons (RCW 35.92.380), and

WHEREAS, the Skagit County Board of Commissioners, in 2021, voted to implement the Affordable Housing Sales and Use tax to fund affordable housing (RCW 82.14.540), and

WHEREAS, exemption of system development charges and other water connection fees will enable low-income housing projects to become more economically viable, and further the production of housing for low-income households, and

WHEREAS, several factors have combined to severely limit the production of housing for low-income families, and

WHEREAS, exemption of system development charges and water connection fees is categorically exempt from review under the State Environmental Policy Act, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature, in 2021, authorized the creation of the Connecting Housing to Infrastructure Program (CHIP), which reimburses local governments and public utility districts for waived system development charges, and

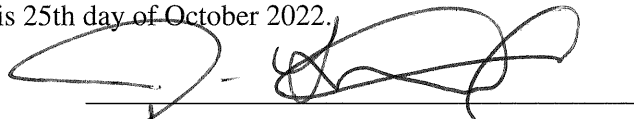
WHEREAS, Skagit County Public Health has been awarded CHIP funding, and

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of Skagit County (HASC) will complete water system improvements at the HASC Family Housing project, will have system development and project fees due to the District, and will pay the District for these fees, and


WHEREAS, HASC desires to be reimbursed by the newly enacted CHIP program for system development and project fees paid to the District for the HASC Family Housing project.

BE IT RESOLVED that the District approves of the waiver of water system development charges and connection fees paid by HASC Family Housing to the District, and their full reimbursement by the CHIP program directly to HASC Family Housing, for the HASC Family Housing project at 4103 East College Way. This full waiver of water system development fees will be administered by Skagit County Public Health to HASC Family Housing and is conditional on the full reimbursement of CHIP funds from COMMERCE.

ADOPTED by the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Skagit County, Washington, at a regular meeting held this 25th day of October 2022.



Joseph Lindquist, President



Germaine Kornegay, Vice President

ATTEST



Andrew Miller, Secretary