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**WATER SUPPLY**

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17 **7.20.010 Purpose.**

18 This Chapter establishes fees for services rendered pursuant to the Pierce County  
19 Coordinated Water System Plan (Chapter 19D.120 PCC), RCW 43.20.260, RCW 70.116 and  
20 WAC 246-290.

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22 **7.20.020 Applicability.**

23 A. **Water System Documents.** Any water system documents that establish or alter a water  
24 service area or require Consistency Review per RCW 43.20.260 and WAC 246-290-108  
25 shall require review and approval by the Pierce County Public Works and Utilities  
26 Department.

27 B. **Timely and Reasonable Disputes.** [Reserved]

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29 **7.20.030 Water System Document Review Fee.**

30 A. **Review Fee Services.** The water system document review fee shall provide for all costs  
31 of service performed by the Department of Public Works and Utilities including, but not  
32 limited to, any staff time to: review the water system document; meet with water system  
33 owners or their consultant's, including travel time; legal services; amend the County's  
34 Geographic Information System (GIS) to alter water service area boundaries; and all  
35 other technical and administrative services provided relative to the review and approval  
36 of the water system document.

37 B. **Fee Structure.** The County's costs incurred throughout the duration of the review and  
38 approval process will be based on time, equipment and material utilized. County  
39 personnel and equipment time rates will be in accordance with the latest established  
40 County weighted rates inclusive of overhead costs. Material costs will be based on the  
41 actual costs of materials plus 15 percent.

42 C. **Fee Submittal and Non-Refundable Fee.** Water system owners submitting a water  
43 system document to the Department of Public Works and Utilities shall, at the time of  
44 submittal, pay the County a non-refundable fee of \$500.00. The non-refundable fee  
45 shall be credited against the final County costs as outlined in 7.20.030 B. above,  
46 provided the final cost exceeds the amount of the non-refundable fee. Additional costs  
47 incurred by the County for time and expenses over and above the minimum non-



1 refundable fee amount will be charged to the water system owner on a time and  
2 materials basis, as outlined in 7.20.030 B. above.

- 3 D. **Progress Billing.** The County will keep an accurate accounting of costs incurred.  
4 Should the total of County costs exceed the amount of the non-refundable fee, the water  
5 system owner must pay the additional fees within 30 days following billing by the  
6 County and prior to the County granting final approval of the water system document.  
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8 **7.20.040 Timely and Reasonable Dispute Fee. [Reserved]**  
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10 **7.20.050 Other Fees.**

11 Administrative processing costs incurred by the Department of Public Works and Utilities for  
12 items related to water system document submittals shall be paid as outlined herein in full prior to  
13 the County granting final approval of the water system owner's submittal. Administrative  
14 processing costs shall include, but not be limited to, the following items:

- 15 A. Advertising expenses;  
16 B. Public hearing expenses;  
17 C. Rental of meeting rooms; and  
18 D. Travel expenses.  
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20 **7.20.060 Water Utility Fund.**

21 All funds received from review fees, service charges, grant funds, or any other revenue  
22 received pursuant to this Chapter shall be deposited in the Water Utility Fund.  
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24 **7.20.070 Validity – Severability.**

25 The invalidity of any Section, subsection, clause, sentence or provisions of this Chapter shall  
26 not affect the validity of any part of this Chapter which can be given effect without such part or  
27 parts.  
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