

1 Sponsored by: Councilmember Roger Bush
2 Requested by: County Executive/Public Works and Utilities Department

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14 **ORDINANCE NO. 2009-87**

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An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending Section 11.02.050 of the Pierce County Code, "Method of Calculating Service Charges" Relating to Surface Water Management Fees; and Setting an Effective Date.

Whereas, the Pierce County Storm Drainage and Surface Water Management Utility was created pursuant to Ordinance No. 87-205, which was adopted on March 15, 1989, and codified as Chapter 11.02 of the Pierce County Code; and

Whereas, in conjunction with the creation of a Surface Water Management Utility, the Council authorized a service charge structure, which was also codified in Chapter 11.02 of the Pierce County Code; and

Whereas, the inventory of facilities maintained and operated by the Surface Water Management Utility continues to grow annually as a result of new construction and the acceptance of storm drainage systems through the land development process; and

Whereas, the costs of operation, maintenance, construction, and land acquisition increase annually, often more quickly than consumer price indexes would indicate; and

Whereas, annual operating and maintenance costs for the Surface Water Management Utility are approaching annual revenue from service charges, thereby limiting the Utility's ability to provide an on-going capital program or respond to emergency repair needs resulting from floods; **Now Therefore**,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of Pierce County:

Section 1. Section 11.02.050 of the Pierce County Code, "Method of Calculating Service Charges," is hereby amended as shown in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.



1 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2010.
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4 **PASSED** this _____ day of _____, 2009.
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6 ATTEST:

PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL
Pierce County, Washington
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11 **Denise D. Johnson**
12 Clerk of the Council
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_____ **Roger Bush**
Council Chair
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_____ **Pat McCarthy**
Pierce County Executive
Approved _____ Vetoed _____, this
16 _____ day of _____,
17 2009.
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22 Date of Publication of
23 Notice of Public Hearing: _____
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25 Effective Date of Ordinance: _____
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