

PIERCE COUNTY STORM DRAINAGE AND SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT UTILITY
APPLICATION FOR SERVICE CHARGE CREDIT
QUALIFICATIONS FOR CREDIT

The following sections 11.02.050 B. and C. of the Pierce County Code allow a service charge credit for parcels if qualification requirements are met. For further information, contact the Pierce County Storm Drainage and Surface Water Management Utility at 9850 64th St. W., University Place, WA 98467-1078 or by telephone at (253) 798-4020 between 7:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

- B. Credits. To qualify for a service charge credit, the following must be completed before October 1 of the year preceding the year for which the owner is requesting credit. Service charge credits as provided for in this Section will become effective January 1, 1994.
1. Credit will apply to all categories listed in Section 11.02.050 A.
 2. To qualify for a credit, the Owner of Record shall provide the County engineering calculations in accordance with design criteria acceptable to the County and "As Constructed Plans" stamped and signed by the Owner's Engineer to verify that the drainage system has adequate capacity to meet the design criteria for which the Owner is requesting a credit. The Owner's engineer shall prepare and stamp an operation and maintenance manual for the Owner to follow in maintaining any drainage pond. The County shall be provided a copy of the maintenance manual. New calculations, "As Constructed Plans", and a maintenance and operation manual shall be prepared and stamped by the Owner's engineer if the drainage pond is increased or decreased in size from the original credit request.
 3. Annually, each Owner of Record shall provide a certified statement by October 1 of the year preceding the year for which the Owner of Record is requesting credit on a form provided by the County verifying that all specified maintenance has been performed in accordance with the operation and maintenance manual prepared by the Owner's engineer on the facility for the calendar year the credit is being requested. Once every five (5) years, the certified statement shall be stamped and signed by the Owner's Engineer.
 4. Each Owner of Record shall provide a "hold harmless" statement on a form provided by the County that indemnifies the County from any loss incurred arising from the construction and maintenance and operation of the Owner's drainage facilities for both water quantity and quality runoff from the owner's property. This statement shall be signed by the Owner and will be recorded with the County Auditor by the Owner of Record. The Owner of Record shall provide the County a copy of the agreement with the County Auditor recording number stamped on it before the application will be deemed completed.
 5. Each Owner of Record must enter into an agreement with the County that allows the County to enter onto the Owner's parcel to inspect the drainage facility and verify all information submitted by the owner and his/her

Engineer. The agreement form will be provided by the County. This agreement will be recorded with the County Auditor by the Owner of Record. The Owner of Record shall provide the County a copy of the agreement with the County Auditor recording number stamped on it before the credit application will be deemed completed.

6. Credit percentages shall be provided in accordance with the following:

CREDIT PERCENTAGES			
Retention Facility	Percent Credit	Detention Facility	Percent Credit
100 Year Storage	85%	100 Year Storage; Release rate of 50% of the predevelopment discharge rate for a 2 year storm	85%
50 Year Storage	40%	50 Year Storage; 2 Year Release	40%
25 Year Storage	20%	25 Year Storage; 2 Year Release	20%
10 Year Storage	10%	10 Year Storage; 2 Year Release	10%

7. For agricultural land uses, a National Resource Conservation Service or Pierce County Conservation District approved farm management plan may be submitted for a twenty-five percent credit. The five year certification that the plan is being correctly implemented (Section 11.02.050 B.3) would be prepared by the Pierce County Conservation District. Facilities designed to a blend of the criteria not covered under this table shall be valued based on an engineering review of the facility design parameters and a determination of the level of protection provided in the opinion of the County.

- C. The annual service charge credit will be calculated by multiplying the annual service charge by the applicable credit percentages when all of the conditions established for a service charge credit have been met.

In order to determine the credit percentage for a retention/detention facility, the following shall apply:

1. For a retention/detention facility whose year storage is not listed in Section 11.02.050 B.6., the next lower year storage category will be used.
2. The release rate shall be equal to or less than a two-year release rate for a detention facility with a 10, 25, or 50-year storage. The release rate for a detention facility with a 100-year storage shall be equal to or less than 50% of the predevelopment discharge rate for a 2-year storm.
3. No credit shall be given for a retention/detention facility with less than a 10-year storage.

- D. The annual service charge shall be calculated based on impervious area and parcel status as of January 1 each year. The annual service charge shall be due and payable

to Pierce County on or before April 30 of each year and shall be paid together with payment of real property tax upon the parcel, if any, and shall be delinquent thereafter. Provided, that if real property tax upon the parcel payable in that year exceeds thirty dollars, and one-half of the tax, together with one-half of the annual service charge provided by this section are paid on or before April 30 of such year, the remaining one-half of the annual service charge shall be due and payable on October 30, next following, or at the time of payment of the remaining tax on the parcel, whichever is earlier, and shall be delinquent after that date. The service charge shall be incorporated on the Pierce County Real Property Tax Statement.

- E. Parcel characteristics affecting the service charge which are altered after January 1 of any year shall not be the basis for recalculation of the service charge until the next year with the exception that adjustments to the annual service charge may be made when the property is incorporated or annexed by another jurisdiction. In that situation, the service charge for the billing year during which the incorporation or annexation occurs may:
1. Be subject to a proration formula included in an interlocal agreement between the County and the incorporating or annexing jurisdiction; or
 2. If the incorporation or annexation agreement does not address the surface water management charge, then incorporated or annexed parcels shall be subject to a service charge of twenty five percent of the annual service charge for each quarter of the billing year during which the property was in unincorporated Pierce County for one or more days. For purposes of determining this adjusted service charge, the billing quarters shall be for January 1 through March 31; April 1 through June 30; July 1 through September 30; and October 1 through December 31.
 3. Whenever a city or town annexes or incorporates an area and the County has issued revenue bonds, general obligation bonds, or secured funds through other indebtedness to finance storm water control facilities that are payable in whole or in part from rates or charges imposed in the area, the County shall continue imposing all portions of the rates or charges that are allocated to payment of the debt service on the bonds or indebtedness in that area after the effective date of the annexation or official date of the incorporation until:
 - a. The debt is retired;
 - b. Any debt that is issued to refinance the underlying debt is retired; or
 - c. Any debt is repaid to lending institutions, agencies, or parties; or
 - d. The city or town reimburses the County an amount sufficient to retire that portion of the debt borne by the annexed or incorporated area.