HIGHLINE WATER DISTRICT
King County, Washington

RESOLUTION 11-8-17D

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO HIGHLINE WATER DISTRICT CODE (HWDC), CHAPTER 6.04 – RATES, TO ADD A SECTION REGARDING CHARGING FOR REMOVAL OF WATER SERVICE AT THE REQUEST OF PROPERTY OWNER

WHEREAS, RCW 57.08.081 authorizes the Highline Water District Board of Commissioners ("District") to fix rates and charges for providing water service, such rates and charges to be fixed as deemed necessary by the District Board of Commissioners so that uniform charges will be made for the same class of customer or service and facility; and

WHEREAS, RCW 57.08.081 authorizes the District Board of Commissioners in classifying customers to consider in its discretion several factors including the difference in cost to various customers, the location of the various customers within and without the District, the difference in cost of maintenance, operation, repair and replacement of the various parts of the system, the different character of the service furnished to various customers, the quantity and quality of the service and facility furnished, the time of its use, the achievement of water conservation goals and the discouragement of wasteful practices and any other matters which present a reasonable difference as a ground for a distinction in the establishment of water rates and charges; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 57.08.005, the District possesses full authority to regulate and control the use, content, distribution, and price of its water supply and water system and the rates to be charges relating thereto; and

WHEREAS, by passage of Resolution 10-12-1D, the Board of Commissioners authorized amending HWDC Section 6.04.020, Table 2 – Monthly Meter Base Rates by adding the following language: “The Monthly Meter Base Rate shall be charged for delinquent accounts and requested domestic meter locks. Requested locks for irrigation meters will not be charged a monthly base rate.”

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners unanimously passed Motion 11-8-3(1) authorizing the District to recoup the costs for requests to remove an inactive water service in lieu of the customer paying the meter base rate charge.
WHEREAS, District staff will incorporate the following section to HWCD Chapter 6.04 Rates:

06.04.022 REQUESTED REMOVAL OF WATER SERVICES
The District will charge on a time and materials basis as referenced in HWDC Chapter 6.04-Rates, Section 6.04.020, Table 5 - Hourly Labor & Equipment Charges and HWD Procedure P6.04.020 Miscellaneous Administrative Fee, for the removal of a water service at the request of the property owner. The property owner will not be required to pay the monthly meter base rate charge once the water service has been removed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The Board of Commissioners authorizes the General Manager to amend the Highline Water District Code (HWDC) to incorporate HWDC Section 6.04.022 - Requested Removal of Water Service, as referenced in this document and incorporated herein. The amendment will become effective immediately.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of Highline Water District, King County, Washington, at a Regular Open Public Meeting held this 17th day of August 2011.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Gerald R. Guite, President
Daniel Johnson, Commissioner
Kathleen Quong-Vermeire, Commissioner

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Subject: Authorize Amendment to Highline Water District Code (HDC) Chapter 6.04 Rate
Add New Section 06.04.022 – Requested Removal of Water Services

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ATTACHMENTS:
1. Resolution 11-8-17D

COMMENTS:
The Board of Commissioners unanimously passed Motion 11-8-3(1) authorizing the District to recoup the costs for requests to remove an inactive water service in lieu of the customer paying the meter base rate charge.

The Board requested that staff prepare a resolution for a future Board meeting to amend the Highline Water District Code to clarify the current language regarding recouping the costs for removal of an inactive water service by District staff.