



AM NO. 12-180

MEMO TO: City Council

FROM: John Marchione, Mayor

DATE: December 4, 2012

SUBJECT: **SCHEID PROPERTY WATER CONNECTION CHARGES**

I. RECOMENDED ACTION:

Approve the waiver of the stub fee imposed by Resolution No. 852 for Parcel 19 (10636 Avondale Road NE) for Water Stub 2 in the amount of \$1,300, on the condition that a full service water meter installation fee be paid on or before December 31, 2012.

II. DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSONS:

Tim Fuller, Director of Public Works	425-556-2733
Ron Grant, Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer	425-556-2742
Scott Thomasson, Utility Engineering Manager	425-556-2829

III. DESCRIPTION:

The City Council recently authorized approval of a Utility Extension Agreement for water service outside Redmond city limits for the Scheid property at 10636 Avondale Road NE. The Scheids have requested that the City Council consider revising water connection and installation fees for this property. The Scheids have specifically requested that the water meter installation charge be reduced due to the existence of a water stub that was installed for the property by the City when Avondale Road NE was widened in the late 1980's. This water stub is subject to a stub fee created by Resolution No. 852.

The full service water meter installation charge for a 5/8 x 3/4 water service is \$7,000. The City has established this flat fee for all full service installations regardless of the

complexity of the water service installation. There is no reasonable basis to revise a flat fee that has been established for all situations.

The property is subject to a water stub fee for the service line that was installed as part of the Avondale Road NE widening project. An argument can be made that the water meter installation fee for a full service installation would reasonably include a service line from the main and that the stub fee would be duplicative.

IV. FISCAL IMPACT:

The stub fee (\$750) and the accrued interest add up to approximately \$1,300. The water service installation fee would be \$7,000. The waiver of the stub fee would reduce revenue for the utility by \$1,300 but the water service installation fee will cover the City costs to install the water service.

V. ALTERNATIVE

The City Council could choose not to waive the stub fee.

VI. TIME CONSTRAINTS:

The property owners are waiting to purchase the water meter until they have a response from the City regarding their request.

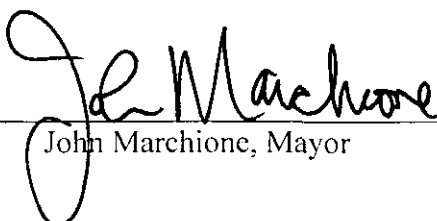
VII. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:

None.



Timothy K. Fuller, Director of Public Works

11/20/12
Date

Approved for Council Agenda 

John Marchione, Mayor

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