

Date: August 2020

To: Novelty Hill Water/Wastewater Utility Customers

From: City of Redmond

RE: Notice of new King County fee in 2021

New King County Franchise Fee ("Roadway Rent")



In 2016, the King County Council passed ordinance 18403 to allow King County to charge rent for utilities that are located in King County roads. The Novelty Hill Water/Wastewater Utility has water and wastewater pipes that are used to bring drinking water to our Novelty Hill customers and provide for wastewater disposal.

The King County ordinance has been under legal challenge and was recently partially approved by the courts. Now the Novelty Hill Water/Wastewater Utility is negotiating with King County the amount of the fee that will be charged. In early 2021, the final legal challenge is scheduled for court. It is expected that King County will invoice the utility once legal challenges and negotiations are complete. Once that occurs, Redmond City Council will be asked to create a new fee on utility bills that will allow the Utility to make these payments to King County. This "King County Roadway Rent" is expected to add about \$5 per month to utility bills for Novelty Hill rate payers, starting sometime in 2021.

The legal challenge and any negotiations with King County could change this schedule and we will keep you updated as the matter develops. Updates about this new fee will be posted here: **www.redmond.gov/UtilityBilling**.

If you have concerns about the County's Ordinance and Rules and the impact on your utility rates, please contact the King County Council: **www.KingCounty.gov/Council**.



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