

Planning and Community Development

Ryan Hembree

Council	Initiated:
□Yes	

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ECAF: 2025-2977		
Ordinance: 25-053	<u>Subject:</u>	Amending Chapter 25.20 of the Snohomish County Code relating to Storm and Surface Water Management Service Charge Credits
Type:		
□Contract	Scope:	The ordinance amends provisions of Chapter 25.20 SCC concerning service
☐Board Appt.		charges and credits.
⊠Code Amendment		
☐ Budget Action☐ Other	<u>Duration:</u>	N/A
	Fiscal Impact	t: ☐ Current Year ☑ Multi-Year ☑ N/A
Requested Handling:		
⊠Normal		
□Expedite	Authority Granted:	
□Urgent	Authorizes the County Executive to approve and execute amendments to Chapter 25.20 SCC	
	concerning s	ervice charges and credits
Fund Source:		
☐General Fund	Background:	
□Other	Current county code allows a credit on surface water charges for properties that maintain the	
⊠N/A		water facilities. Code language articulates strict requirements for credit eligibility e facility being in compliance with modern development standards. SWM has
		lemented the code to give the credit based on the facility meeting the
Executive Rec:	,,, ,	t standard at the time the facility was originally approved by the County. The
⊠Approve		de amendment brings code language into alignment with this long-standing
☐ Do Not Approve	practice.	
□N/A		
		Clean Water Act obligates federal agencies to pay stormwater charges that are
Approved as to		sonable. The Act allows each agency to evaluate the billed charges and determine
Form:		ableness based on criteria listed in the Act. The proposed code amendment nat the County has no control over the federal agency determination of county
⊠Yes	_	little to no recourse to challenge the finding. The proposed code amendment
□No	_	moves the County's obligation to continue to bill properties owned by federal
□N/A		t have made the determination to not hav local stormwater charges

Current code allows K-12 schools to receive consideration for the costs of curriculum in reducing the stormwater charges associated with their school properties. The County first notifies each district of impending charges and then evaluates the school district's supplied documentation for the cost of a qualifying curriculum. Typically, the annual curriculum costs meet or exceed the full district-wide stormwater charge for their properties. The proposed amendment changes this in-kind consideration approach to a full exemption of stormwater charges for K-12 schools based on a known curriculum standard that must be met by all accredited schools, both public and private.

Request: Move Ordinance 25-053 to GLS to set a time and date for a public hearing.