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City of Silverton
306 S. Water St.
Silverton, OR 97381

System Development Charges Update

Silverton is undertaking an update of its 2013 System Development Charges Methodology (SDCs). No change to the methodology was recommended.

A system development charge is a one-time fee imposed on new development at the time of development. The charge is intended to recover a fair share of the cost of system capacity needed to serve growth. System development charges provide a means for “growth to pay for growth.”

ORS 223.297 – 223.314 provides a uniform framework for the imposition of system development charges by governmental units and establishes that the charges may be used only for capital improvements. An SDC can be constructed to include one or both of the following components: (1) a reimbursement fee, intended to recover an equitable share of the cost of facilities already constructed or under construction and (2) an improvement fee, intended to recover a fair share of future, planned, capital improvements needed to increase the capacity of the system.

To meet this objective, the City took the following general approach:

The System Development Charge items will be implemented in three components: maintaining the respective Capital Improvement Programs, review of technical analysis, and a Public Hearing on adjustments to rates through a resolution.

The technical analysis was presented to City Council at the June 3, 2019 meeting and will be considered for adoption August 5, 2019. [Click here](#) to read the Final Report.

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