

**RESOLUTION NO.:**\_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM  
RATE STRUCTURE**

**WHEREAS**, in response to the continued and pervasive bacterial contamination of commercial shellfish growing areas and watercourses in Skagit County, and pursuant to RCW 90.72, the Skagit County Code (SCC) Chapter 6.68 was amended in 2005 to add a comprehensive, countywide water quality program known as the Clean Water Program (CWP); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to SCC 6.68 the Board of County Commissioners (Board) may establish by separate resolution an annual operating budget and finance charges for the Clean Water Program (CWP) consistent with RCW 90.72, and as part of the annual County budget process; and

**WHEREAS**, the initial CWP budget and finance charges were established by Resolution #R20050487 which also provided that the identified budget, rates, and charges would remain effective for a three year period until December 31, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, the CWP budget and finance charges were again amended and reauthorized by Resolution #R20090395 which also provided that the identified budget, rates, and charges would remain effective for a five year period until December 31, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the Clean Water Program rates were reauthorized and again revised by Resolution #R20140165 on June 3, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, subsequent to a public hearing held on November 16, 2015 (scheduled pursuant to Resolution #R\_\_\_\_\_), the Board adopted an Ordinance Amending Chapter 6.68 Skagit County Code, (Ordinance #O\_\_\_\_\_) amending the Clean Water Program basis of charges for certain classes of properties; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the amendment to the Skagit County Code (6.68) pursuant Ordinance # O\_\_\_\_\_, the Board determined that some revisions to the Clean Water Program rate structure would be appropriate and desirable in order to fund the Clean Water Program (to revise the method of the Clean Water Program special assessments to a flat charge per parcel according to land use classifications, instead of being based upon actual or average impervious square footage), and the Board did by Resolution #R\_\_\_\_\_ on November 9, 2015, call for a Public Hearing to be held on November 24, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. (or as soon thereafter as possible), to consider revisions to the Clean Water Program rate structure and receive public comment thereon; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board held said Public Hearing on November 24, 2015, and considered public comment received.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND HEREBY ORDERED** that pursuant to RCW 90.72 and SCC 6.68, the Skagit County Clean Water Program annual rates as previously established by Resolution #R20140165 shall be revised to establish flat per parcel rates according to land use classifications as follows, effective January 1, 2016:

Assessment: The annual rates are hereby established as follows:

CLASS OF PROPERTY	RATE PER PARCEL
(a) Parcels containing single-family residences (including accessory dwelling unit)	\$45.00 per parcel
(b) Parcels containing duplex, triplex, or fourplex residential units (multi-family)	\$45.00 per parcel
(c) Parcels containing apartments of more than four residential units, commercial, industrial, or institutional establishments	\$150.00 per parcel
(d) County roads	\$0.00345 per impervious surface square foot

Except as provided herein, the terms of previous resolutions (including R20090395 and R20140165) concerning the establishment of rates and assessments for the Clean Water Program shall otherwise remain unmodified and in effect, and shall continue thereafter until December 31, 2019, unless modified or rescinded by the Board.

**PASSED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chair

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Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

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Ron Wesen, Commissioner

Attest:

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Clerk of the Board

Approved as to form:

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