



Skagit County Public Health

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To: Skagit County Board of Health

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Subject: Adding Drinking Water quality and quantity review fees to the Skagit County Public Health Schedule of Charges

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Skagit County Code (SCC) 12.48, *Rules and regulations of the Skagit County Board of Health governing individual and public drinking water systems*, details the assurance, review, permitting and enforcement of drinking water public health protection. Public Health is responsible for the review, evaluation and approval of individual drinking water systems, and the oversight of Group B public water systems. Our Department also provides technical assistance to the large Washington Department of Health permitted Group A public water systems. Public Health also provides education and technical assistance to the general public regarding safe drinking water throughout Skagit County.

SCC 12.48 is enacted under the authority of the Health Officer. Drinking water assurance and permitting functions pertaining to drinking water quality and quantity are core Public Health functions. Skagit County Public Health staff intend to perform the drinking water quality and quantity permit review and assurance in Skagit County. Skagit County Planning and Development Services staff intend to continue to perform the water availability review functions of SCC 12.48.

Both Public Health and Planning intend to continue to coordinate our permit review process work so that clients continue to submit their applications and fees via the same process to which they are accustomed and is also similar to the intake process for Public Health's on-site septic system review.

Skagit County Public Health requests to revise the Public Health Schedule of Charges to include fees which will cover the actual costs for permit review and assurance for drinking water quality and quantity. Planning and Development Services intends to request to revise their schedule of charges fees to cease charging water review fees related to the water quality and quantity activities.