

RESOLUTION NO. 2312-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON (DISTRICT), APPROVING THE WAIVER OF WATER CONNECTION FEES PAID BY VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA WESTERN WASHINGTON (VOA) TO THE DISTRICT ON THE CONDITION OF REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE'S (COMMERCE) CHIP FUNDING TO VOA FOR FEES PAID TO THE DISTRICT FOR THE VOA NORTH BURLINGTON PROJECT LOCATED AT 1724 E RIO VISTA AVENUE, BURLINGTON, WASHINGTON.

WHEREAS, the State Legislature, in 2012, authorized municipalities to waive system development charges partially or fully, also known as tap-in charges, connection or hookup fees, for housing designated for low-income persons (RCW 35.92.380), and

WHEREAS, the Skagit County Board of Commissioners, in 2021, voted to implement the Affordable Housing Sales and Use Tax to fund affordable housing (RCW 82.14.540), and The City of Burlington adopted a similar tax through Ordinance No. 1912 in 2021, and

WHEREAS, the exemption of system development charges and other water connection fees will enable low-income housing projects to become more economically viable, and further the production of housing for low-income households, and

WHEREAS, several factors have combined to severely limit the production of housing for low-income families, and

WHEREAS, the exemption of system development charges and water connection fees is categorically exempt from review under the State Environmental Policy Act, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature, in 2021, authorized the creation of the Connecting Housing to Infrastructure Program (CHIP), which reimburses local governments and public utility districts for waived system development charges, and

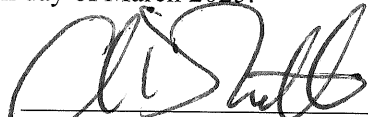
WHEREAS, The City of Burlington has been awarded CHIP funding, and


WHEREAS, the Volunteers of America Western Washington (VOA) will complete water system improvements at the VOA North Burlington project, will have system development, connection, and project fees due to the District, and will pay the District for these fees, and

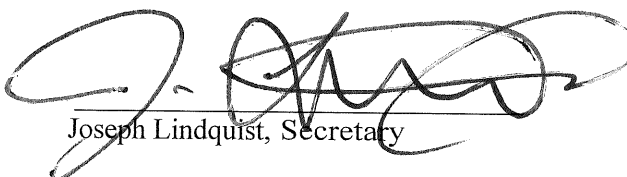
WHEREAS, VOA desires to be reimbursed by the CHIP program for system development and project fees paid to the District for the VOA North Burlington project.

BE IT RESOLVED that the District approves of the waiver of water system development charges and connection fees paid by Volunteers of America to the District, which will occur by their full reimbursement by the CHIP program directly to Volunteers of America, for the VOA North Burlington project at 1700, 1704, 1708, 1712, 1716, and 1720 East Rio Vista Avenue, Burlington. This full waiver of water system development fees will be administered by The City of Burlington to Volunteers of America and is conditional on the full reimbursement of CHIP funds from COMMERCE.

ADOPTED by the commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Skagit County, Washington, at a regular meeting held this 11th day of March 2025.

  
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Andrew Miller, President

  
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Corrin Hamburg, Vice President

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Joseph Lindquist, Secretary