

**CITY OF STEVENSON  
ORDINANCE NO. 2019-1137**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STEVENSON, WA RELATING TO REQUIRING CONNECTION TO THE CITY  
WATER SYSTEM AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Stevenson desires to achieve to the maximum extent possible the use of the city's water system by all users within Stevenson city limits; and

**WHEREAS**, unregulated wells within City limits pose the risk of impacting the water table supporting City water sources; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Stevenson believes it is necessary to establish the requirement to connect to the city water system.

**NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STEVENSON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1-Adoption:** Stevenson Municipal Code 13.16.010 and 13.16.020 are added and adopted to read as follows:

**13.16.010 Required use of city water.**

Property owners shall connect their premises to the City's municipal water supply system. Private or non-municipal water systems established prior to the passing of City Ordinance 2019-1137 may be excluded from a mandatory connection to the City's water system if the State of Washington's Health Standards are met. Property owners possessing private or non-municipal water systems must provide water samples to the State in accordance with their guidelines as applied to various types and sizes of private or non-municipal water systems. Copies of the test results must be supplied to the City. If the test results indicate a decline in the water quality of the private or non-municipal public system, the City will require local health district review. If the health district determines the water quality to be hazardous to the health and welfare of its users, the system will be discontinued and affected users will be required to connect to the City's water system. When connection is required it shall be made in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, within ninety (90) days after the date of official notice to do so.

The property owner may file a written objection to this action during that noticing period. When a written objection is filed with the City that action will suspend the water connection obligation until the City Council has heard objections from the property owner and rendered a decision.

The meeting established for this purpose shall be held not less than ten (10) days or more than forty-five (45) days after the date of the filing of the objection. Not less than seven (7) days prior to the meeting date the City Council shall provide the property owner notice of the date and time established for the hearing. The decision of the City Council shall be final unless appealed as provided by law. The City will not accept ownership or operational control of a private or non-municipal water system under any circumstance.

**13.16.020 Refusal to connect--Connection by city--Cost assessment--Lien.**

If a property owner fails, neglects or refuses to connect their lands, buildings, or premises to the City water system within the time specified in the notice referred to in Section 13.16.010 the City shall make, or cause to be made, the connection. The cost of the connection shall be assessed

against the property and the cost shall become a lien upon the premises. City staff is directed to collect the amount of the cost of such connection, either by foreclosure of the lien or by a suit against the property owner of the premises which suit shall be maintained in the name of the City as plaintiff in any court of competent jurisdiction.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Stevenson at a regular meeting this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2019.

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Scott Anderson, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Leana Kinley, City Clerk/Treasurer

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Kenneth B. Woodrich, City Attorney