

ORDINANCE NO. 1817

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SUMAS, WASHINGTON, AMENDING SECTION 3.30.010 OF THE SUMAS MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADJUSTING CERTAIN FEES AND CHARGES RELATED TO THE CITY’S CEMETERY IN THE CITY FEE SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, the City of Sumas has established a fee schedule codified under section 3.30.010 of the Sumas Municipal Code for purposes of establishing and setting forth certain fees and charges of the City; and

WHEREAS, the cost to maintain the City’s Cemetery continues to increase; and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Sumas may, from time to time, add, adjust or amend certain fees and charges; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that certain fees and charges related to the City’s cemetery should be adjusted;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMAS, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 3.30.010 of the Sumas Municipal Code is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

3.30.010 Fee Schedule. The schedule of fees and charges for the following permits, applications, petitions, inspections, and other services or reviews is as follows:

Fee Schedule

A. Development and Land Use.

Fee Name/Description	Current Fee
Permit to Move Building	\$80.00
Shoreline Substantial Development Permit	\$500.00
Includes up to eight (8) hours of staff time; additional billed actual	
Shoreline Conditional Use Permit	\$500.00
Includes up to five (5) hours of staff time; additional billed actual	
Shoreline Variance Permit	\$500.00
Includes up to five (5) hours of staff time; additional billed actual	
Shoreline Exemption	\$100.00
Conditional Use Permit	\$500.00
Includes up to eight (8) hours of staff time; additional billed actual	
Variance - Zoning and/or Development Standards	\$500.00
Includes up to five (5) hours of staff time; additional billed actual	
Zoning Map Amendment	\$300.00
Includes up to eight (8) hours of staff time; additional billed actual	

Zoning Text Amendment	\$500.00
Includes up to eight (8) hours of staff time; additional billed actual	
Short Subdivision Filing and Inspection	\$ 500.00
Plus \$50 per lot	
Preliminary Long Subdivision	\$500.00
Plus \$50 per lot. Includes up to twelve (12) hours of staff time; additional billed actual	
Final Long Division	\$500.00
Plus \$25.00 per lot	
SEPA Environmental Checklist Review/Threshold Determination	\$250.00
Amendments to Application billed actual	
EIS Preparation & Review (if required)	\$750.00
Includes up to twelve (12) hours of staff time; additional billed actual	
Critical Areas Review	\$250.00
Includes up to three (3) hours of staff time; additional billed actual	
Critical Areas Variance	\$500.00
Includes up to five(5) hours of staff time; additional billed actual	
General Binding Site Plan	\$500.00
Includes up to eight (8) hours of staff time; additional billed actual	
Specific Binding Site Plan	\$300.00
Annexation Petition	\$1,000.00
Includes up to twelve (12) hours of staff time; additional billed actual	
Comprehensive Plan Amendment	\$1,000.00
Includes up to twelve (12) hours of staff time; additional billed actual	
Boundary Line Adjustment	\$150.00
Includes up to three (3) hours of staff time; additional billed actual	
Flood Area Development Permit	\$300.00
Flood Plain Development Variance	\$350.00
Includes up to five (5) hours of staff time; additional billed actual	
Home Occupancy Consistency Review	\$100.00
Other Land Use Application Fees:	
Short-Term Rental Use – Permitted Use	\$100.00
Short-Term Rental Use – Conditional Use	\$500.00
Appeal of Administrative Decision	\$250.00
Includes up to three (3) hours of staff time; additional billed actual	
Vacation of Street/Alley	\$500.00
\$500 minimum; maximum of 1/2 appraised value, plus other costs & fees as set forth in Ordinance	
Sewer Inspection	\$25.00
Publications/Notices/Outside Reviews associated with application	
Actual Costs Paid by Applicant	

B. Animals

Fee Name/Description	Current Fee
Dog License (annual) – Spayed or Neutered	\$15.00
Dog License (annual) – Non Spayed or Neutered	\$25.00

C. Cemetery

Fee Name/Description	Current Fee
Headstone setting	\$125.00
Plot purchase – One Interment	\$300.00
Permanent care (one-time fee)	\$75.00
Each Additional Interment	\$100.00

D. Miscellaneous

Fee Name/Description	Current Fee
Fingerprinting (per card) – Sumas Resident	\$10.00
Fingerprinting (per card) – Non Residents	\$20.00

Section 2 – Savings Clause. The amendment of section 3.30.010 of the Sumas municipal code does not affect any pending or existing litigation, nor does it affect any amount owed for fees, costs or changes incurred prior to the effective date of this ordinance, and does not operate as an abatement or bar any action or proceeding under or by virtue of the repealed or amended code section(s).

Section 3 – Severability Clause. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decisions shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 4 – Effective Date. This Ordinance is hereby adopted and effective as of January 1, 2025.

PASSED by the City Council and approved by the Mayor of the City of Sumas, Washington this ___th day of _____, _____.

CITY OF SUMAS, WASHINGTON

BRUCE BOSCH, Mayor

Attested/Authenticated:

MICHELLE QUINN, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

JAMES J. WRIGHT, City Attorney

Proposed Rate Increase: Cemetery - Ordinance No. 1817

**Last rate change in 2006 (Ordinance No. 1445)

	Current Rates	Proposed Rates	Reason for Change
Cemetery	Plot Purchase: \$250 per plot	Plot Purchase - One Interment: \$300	1. Increased cost of maintenance, materials/ supplies, crew time
	Permanent Care: \$50 per plot	Each Additional Interment: \$100	2. 5 year Annual Average Expense: \$33,278, Revenue: \$29,549
	Headstone Setting: \$110	Headstone Setting: \$125 Permanent Care: \$75	