

Klickitat County Port District No. 1
RESOLUTION NO. 7-2015

A Resolution of the Port of Klickitat Commission
Authorizing Water Use for Firefighting Purposes

WHEREAS, the Port Commission recognizes the need for, and importance of, timely access to water for firefighting purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Port Commission wishes to support the efforts of the agencies and organizations engaged in providing firefighting services in Klickitat County; and

WHEREAS, the Port Commission wishes to avoid adding to the financial burden of any water system customer suffering an accidental loss due to fire; and

WHEREAS, the Port owns one or more water systems; and

WHEREAS, the Port is responsible for limiting water distribution system leakage under WAC 246-290-820, ensuring its water is used efficiently under WAC 246-290-810, and tracking and reporting water usage and unaccounted for water loss;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Port Commission does hereby authorize the use of water from any Port-owned water system(s) for the purpose of fighting any fire or conflagration located in Klickitat County, subject to the provisions set forth below:

1. Any person, department, agency, company, or other organization using Port water for the purposes described above shall acquire such water only using its existing connection to the water system or a standpipe, hydrant, or other mechanism specifically approved by the Port for such use. It is the responsibility of the user to obtain information identifying the standpipe(s), hydrant(s), or other mechanism(s) so approved.
2. Any person, department, agency, company, or other organization using Port water for the purposes described above shall record or otherwise document the amount of water used based on meter read, tank capacity, fire suppression system design, or other good faith estimate or calculation and shall submit said record or document to the Port within ten (10) business days of said use or of the extinguishment of the fire or conflagration for which it was used, whichever shall occur last.
3. Except as set forth below, the Executive Director shall charge twenty-five percent (25%) of any customary Port usage fee or charge for such use of Port water.
4. The Executive Director shall waive, in its entirety, any customary Port usage fee or charge for such use of Port water by any of the following entities that fully comply with the acquisition and reporting requirements established above:
 - a. Customers with a connection to the water system and using one or more fire suppression systems.
 - b. Fire protection districts formed pursuant to Chapter 52 Revised Code of Washington (RCW) or Chapter 478 Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) providing firefighting personnel and/or equipment for use in Klickitat County.
 - c. Fire departments formed pursuant to Chapter 35 RCW or Chapter 221 ORS providing firefighting personnel and/or equipment for use in Klickitat County.

- d. State or federal agencies, including any branch of the military, responsible for, or engaged in, firefighting in Klickitat County.
 - e. Not-for-profit organizations formed pursuant to 26 USC 501(c) and providing firefighting personnel and/or equipment in Klickitat County.
 - f. Any private company engaged in firefighting and an active party to a mutual aid and assistance or equivalent agreement with a fire protection district or fire department in Klickitat County or under contract to a state or federal agency to provide fire protection personnel and/or equipment.
5. The Executive Director shall waive, in its entirety, any Port fee or charge for the use of Port roads, rail sidings, or rail spurs to obtain such water.

ADOPTED IN OPEN SESSION this 8th day of December, 2015.

ATTEST:




Margie Ziegler, Port Auditor

PORT OF KLICKITAT COMMISSION



Wayne Vinyard, President



Bill Schmitt, Vice-President



Jim Herman, Secretary

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