
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2845

State of Washington **59th Legislature** **2006 Regular Session**

By House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Simpson and Curtis)

READ FIRST TIME 02/03/06.

1 AN ACT Relating to providing water for residential fire sprinkler
2 suppression systems; adding new sections to chapter 35.21 RCW; adding
3 new sections to chapter 35A.21 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter
4 36.94 RCW.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 When a water supply for built-in automatic residential fire
9 sprinkler suppression systems is installed by a property owner or
10 system contractor in a residence:

11 (1) The property owner or system contractor shall not be subject to
12 the imposition of additional meter charges by a municipality or water
13 district when flow and pressure requirements dictate that a larger
14 water supply is necessary, and standard residential water pricing
15 schedules shall be imposed by the municipality or water district;

16 (2) The property owner or system contractor shall not be subject to
17 the imposition of water system development assessments by the
18 municipality or water district; and

1 (3) The water must be supplied from a single metered connection to
2 the municipal or water district system and the connection must be sized
3 to supply both domestic and fire sprinkler system requirements.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 35A.21 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 When a water supply for built-in automatic residential fire
7 sprinkler suppression systems is installed by a property owner or
8 system contractor in a residence:

9 (1) The property owner or system contractor shall not be subject to
10 the imposition of additional meter charges by a code city or water
11 district when flow and pressure requirements dictate that a larger
12 water supply is necessary, and standard residential water pricing
13 schedules shall be imposed by the code city or water district;

14 (2) The property owner or system contractor shall not be subject to
15 the imposition of water system development assessments by the code city
16 or water district; and

17 (3) The water must be supplied from a single metered connection to
18 the code city or water district system and the connection must be sized
19 to supply both domestic and fire sprinkler system requirements.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 36.94 RCW
21 to read as follows:

22 Water systems operating under this chapter are prohibited from
23 requiring residential water customers to pay a water service
24 availability charge, standby charge, consumption charge, or any other
25 similar types of charges associated with available but unused water
26 service, including any interest or penalties for nonpayment or
27 enforcement charges, when the water connection is installed for built-
28 in automatic fire sprinkler suppression systems.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21 RCW
30 to read as follows:

31 Cities and towns are prohibited from requiring residential water
32 customers to pay a water service availability charge, standby charge,
33 consumption charge, or any other similar types of charges associated
34 with available but unused water service, including any interest or

1 penalties for nonpayment or enforcement charges, when the water
2 connection is installed for built-in automatic fire sprinkler
3 suppression systems.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 35A.21 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 Code cities are prohibited from requiring residential water
7 customers to pay a water service availability charge, standby charge,
8 consumption charge, or any other similar types of charges associated
9 with available but unused water service, including any interest or
10 penalties for nonpayment or enforcement charges, when the water
11 connection is installed for built-in automatic fire sprinkler
12 suppression systems.

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