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1 AN ACT Relating to the waiver of municipal utility connection
2 charges for certain properties; and amending RCW 35.92.385.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.92.385 and 2023 c 249 s 1 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Municipal utilities formed under this chapter may waive
7 connection charges for properties owned or developed by, or on the
8 behalf of, a nonprofit organization, public development authority,
9 housing authority, or local agency that provides emergency shelter,
10 transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, or affordable
11 housing, including a limited partnership as described in RCW
12 84.36.560(7)(f)(ii) and a limited liability company as described in
13 RCW 84.36.560(7)(f)(iii).

14 (2) (a) Connection charges waived under this chapter shall be
15 funded using general funds, grant dollars, or other identified
16 revenue stream, unless the waiver of charges allowed under this
17 chapter is conditioned upon requiring the developer to record a
18 covenant that prohibits using the property for any purpose other than
19 provided under this chapter.

20 (b) At a minimum, the covenant described in (a) of this
21 subsection must address price restrictions and household income

1 limits and that if the property is converted to a use other than
2 described in subsection (1) of this section, the property owner must
3 pay the applicable connection charges in effect at the time of
4 conversion. Covenants required by this subsection must be recorded
5 with the applicable county auditor or recording officer.

6 (3) At such time as a property receiving a waiver under
7 subsection (1) of this section is no longer operating under the
8 eligibility requirements under subsection (1) of this section:

9 (a) The waiver of connection charges required under subsection
10 (1) of this section is no longer required; and

11 (b) Any connection charges waived under subsection (1) of this
12 section are immediately due and payable to the utility as a condition
13 of continued service.

14 (4) For the purposes of this section:

15 (a) "Affordable housing" has the same meaning as in RCW
16 36.70A.030.

17 (b) "Connection charges" means the one-time capital and
18 administrative charges, as authorized in RCW 35.92.025, that are
19 imposed by a utility on a building or facility owner for a new
20 utility service and costs borne or assessed by a utility for the
21 labor, materials, and services necessary to physically connect a
22 designated facility to the respective utility service.

23 (c) "Emergency shelter" means any facility that has, as its sole
24 purpose, the provision of a temporary shelter for the homeless and
25 that does not require occupants to sign a lease or occupancy
26 agreement.

27 (d) "Permanent supportive housing" has the same meaning as in RCW
28 36.70A.030.

29 (e) "Transitional housing" has the same meaning as in RCW
30 84.36.043.

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