FAQS: NEW LINE ITEM ON WATER UTILITY BILLS FOR PRIVATE FIRE LINES

Q1) WHY AM I RECEIVING THIS BILL (FOR THE FIRE LINE)?

Following a public hearing, the Shelton City Commission adopted Ordinance No. 1852-0614 Amending Chapter 15.28 of the Shelton Municipal Code increasing Water Rates and including the start of billing for Private Fire Lines.

Q2) WHAT IS A FIRELINE?

A fire line is the above or below grade water piping supplying your building’s fire sprinkler system. It is a dedicated waterline; the only function being to provide the building with enough water to effectively suppress a fire when one occurs.

Q3) HOW DO I KNOW IF I HAVE A FIRE LINE AND WHAT SIZE IT IS?

You have a fire line if you have a sprinkler system throughout your building or in portions of your building.

Private fire lines will be billed based on the size of the backflow prevention assembly on the fire line. The size of that assembly for your fire line can be found in the subject line, on the notification letter sent by the City.

Q4) WHAT IS THE CHARGE FOR MY FIRE LINE?

Private fire lines will be billed based on the size of the backflow prevention assembly in lieu of a meter size and fire line charges will be collected beginning with the September 2014 billings.

Refer to Shelton Municipal Code Chapter 15.28 for current rates based on backflow prevention device size.

Q5) ARE FIRE LINES REQUIRED?

Yes, if your building is equipped with a fire sprinkler system.

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