



## Staff Report Update

*March 4, 2019 Council Meeting*

### Public Hearing for Latecomer Reimbursement Agreement with Camas School District

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**PURPOSE:** As part of the new Lacamas Lake Elementary School project, the Camas School District installed City water lines in Leadbetter Road between N. Adams Street and NE 9<sup>th</sup> Street in accordance with the Camas Water System Plan and Camas Municipal Code (CMC) 17.19.040C. These main line improvements will benefit others in the area that will be seeking to develop and/or connect to the municipal water system along Leadbetter Road. The benefitted area is depicted in Exhibit B and the proposed assessment for the benefitted properties is shown in Exhibit C of the draft Latecomer Reimbursement Agreement.

Per the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 35.91, a developer is allowed to request proportionate share reimbursement from other benefitting property owners. The School District, as the developer of the site, has requested to enter into a latecomer reimbursement agreement with the City. The City collects the fees at the time of connection to the City's municipal water system which is typically at building permit issuance. The City then reimburses the developer with the collected latecomer fees.

This public hearing allows the public to comment on the means and methods by which the reimbursement is calculated, but the reimbursement agreement must be honored by the City per RCW 35.91.020. The affected owners only pay if and when they connect to the City's water and/or sewer system.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends opening the public hearing, taking public testimony, deliberating and then directing the City Attorney to finalize the Latecomer Reimbursement Agreement with the Camas School District to be brought back to an upcoming Council Meeting for consideration.