



## Staff Report Update

*May 20, 2019 Council Meeting*

### **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. The affected owners only pay if and when they connect to the City's water and/or sewer system.

Staff provided multiple notices to the benefitted properties shown in Exhibit C and held a public hearing regarding the proposed latecomer agreement on March 4, 2019. At that meeting, the City Council directed staff to finalize the agreement and bring it back to a future Council Meeting for consideration. There has been a short delay in bringing the agreement back to the City Council for consideration as a result of the change in ownership of some of the parcels and waiting for Clark County GIS to reflect the changes in the County's systems.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that Council approve the Latecomer Reimbursement Agreement with the Camas School District.