

CITY OF GARIBALDI

ORDINANCE NO. 338

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13.05 OF THE GARIBALDI MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH PROPERTY OWNER RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE UPKEEP, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR OF SEWER SERVICE LINES AND CONNECTIONS TO THE SEWER MAIN.

WHEREAS, Section L of Chapter 13.05.040 (“Rule 12”) of the Garibaldi Municipal Code currently provides that the City of Garibaldi is responsible for the ownership, operation, maintenance, and replacement of the sewer service connection between the main and property lines or curb lines; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that responsibility for sewer laterals, in contrast to water laterals, should be a property owner responsibility;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARIBALDI ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Adoption.

- A. Section 13.05.040.L, “Rule 12, Service Pipes and Main Connections” of the Garibaldi Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

“L. Rule 12 – Service Pipes and Main Connections.

- a. Water Laterals. On streets where water mains are laid, the city shall own, furnish, operate, and maintain the replacement of the water service connection between the main and the property lines or curb lines.
- b. Sewer Laterals.
 1. It shall be the responsibility of the property owner to repair or replace any sewer lateral showing any defect including, but not limited to, leaks, breaks, settlement, or stoppages. Any loss or damage to any public facility caused either by improper installation or maintenance procedures will also be the property owner’s responsibility.
 2. The City reserves the right to cease water and/or sewer service to the property owner in the event that a significant deficiency is either not corrected or

City costs incurred under Subsection 2.b, above, are not paid in a timely manner by the property owner after notice.

- c. Fees. A fee shall be charged for renewal of a service line. Fees shall be charged for water and sewer service connections, which are payable in advance. Additional charges may be added as incurred by the connection project. Such fees constitute reimbursement to the city for its costs for providing such service.”

Section 2. Effective Date.

- A. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its passage by the City Council and approval by the Mayor.

READ FOR A FIRST TIME, BY TITLE ONLY, this ____ day of ____, 2025, no Council person in attendance having requested that it be read in full.

READ FOR A SECOND TIME, BY TITLE ONLY, AND FOR FINAL ADOPTION, this ____ day of ____, 2025, no Council person present having requested that it be read in full.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR, this ____ day of ____, 2025.

Katie Findling, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jake Boone, City Manager