RESOLUTION NO. 05-2023

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISIONERS OF WHATCOM COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 13
TO ESTABLISH A TAMPERING, METER BOX OBSTRUCTION AND WATER THEFT FINE POLICY

WHEREAS, Whatcom County Water District No. 13 has the need to establish a tampering, meter box obstruction and water theft fine policy; and

WHEREAS, the tampering, meter box obstruction and water theft fine policies must be outlined in a resolution.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Water District No. 13, Whatcom County, Washington, as follows:

Unauthorized use of water threatens water quality and deprives the District of resources needed to operate and maintain the water system. The District's customers also share in this loss as rates are set to recapture the cost of total water production and supply.

The penalties for tampering, meter box obstruction and water theft will be:

- A. Tampering And Meter Box Obstruction (without damage)
 - 1. First occurrence \$500
 - 2. Second Occurrence \$1,000
 - 3. Third Occurrence \$1,500
- B. Tampering (with damage)
 - 1. Above charges, plus actual time at the standard hourly rate, plus out of pocket costs, plus 26% administrative charge for repair
 - 2. Meter lock replacement only \$35
- C. Water theft fine \$1,000 (per occurrence)

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Water District No. 13, Whatcom County, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof this 23rd day of May 2023.

WHATCOM COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 13

Commissioner

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