

**CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE
SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON
RESOLUTION NO. 04-74**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE ESTABLISHING POLICIES TO
ADDRESS AREAS OF COMMUNITY CONCERN.**

WHEREAS, Chapter 35.13A RCW provides for the orderly assumption of jurisdiction over sewer and water districts; and

WHEREAS, assumption can provide advantages to the community through the consolidation of efforts and an increase in local authority; and

WHEREAS, over 80% of the current ratepayers of LLSWD reside within the City of Liberty Lake; and

WHEREAS, the City of Liberty Lake is committed to ensuring the highest standard of service for water, sewer, storm water, and lake management; and

WHEREAS, the issue of assumption has strained the social fabric of the community and caused the expenditure of resources on avoidable litigation; and


WHEREAS, the citizens of the community should be informed of the intentions of the City of Liberty Lake should the assumption of jurisdiction over LLSWD be implemented; and

NOW, THEREFORE, The City of Liberty Lake makes the following commitments to the Community of Liberty Lake:

1. The City will offer employment to all District employees and will negotiate compensation commensurate with existing City salaries and benefit programs.
2. The City will form a Utilities Advisory Committee to ensure representation of all customers, inside and outside the City.
3. The Utility Advisory Committee will advise the City on rate issues as well as overall utility concerns including issues related to regional planning and benefit.
4. The City will actively participate in regional issues including the Spokane Aquifer Joint board and wastewater discharge negotiations.
5. The City will pursue solutions that best benefit utility customers, the Liberty Lake community, the Spokane River, and the region.

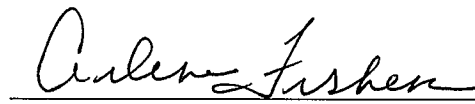
6. The City will assume responsibility for stormwater services throughout the current service areas of LLSWD, and will maintain protective standards in the surface water watershed.
7. The City will assume responsibility for a credible lake management program that provides water quality and flood management services.
8. All overhead expenses will be allocated based upon a fair and equitable distribution calculated using generally accepted allocation principles.
9. The City will apply a cost-based methodology to utility rates and charges, ensuring the collection of utility expenses in a fair and equitable manner from homogenous classes of customers.
10. The City will not impose a surcharge on customers based upon their location, i.e. inside the city limits versus outside the city limits.
11. A utility tax, should one ever be adopted, will not be utilized to fund anything except items of community value, which may include lake management.
12. The City will utilize separate account tracking for water, wastewater, stormwater, and lake management activities.

Adopted by the City Council this 19th day of October, 2004




Mayor, Steve Peterson

ATTEST:



City Clerk, Arlene Fisher

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney, Stanley M. Schwartz