



Mayor Nadine Woodward

May 5, 2023

Dear Committee Members,

I, Mayor Nadine Woodward, am creating a General Facilities Charges Advisory Committee to provide input and feedback related to anticipated changes to GFCs.

General Facilities Charges (GFCs) are a one-time charge to connect to the City of Spokane's water or wastewater system. The funds raised through GFCs are used to pay for capital projects that support growth—not for operations and maintenance of the existing water and wastewater systems. The City established GFCs 20 years ago, but unfortunately had not updated them since. In 2023, the City proposed new GFC rates to bring the charges up to date and address current costs and infrastructure needed for growth. The timing also was tied to a moratorium on new building permits in the Latah Valley.

In March 2023, the City Council adopted new GFCs. Rates representing an inflationary increase over the rates adopted in 2002 are currently in place through March 4, 2024. After that, the adopted GFCs would rise. In the meantime, the City is working through an additional outreach and education effort to consider options or changes to the rates that would go into effect in March 2024.

Marlene Feist and Katherine Miller will be the staff liaisons to the Committee and will reach out to set up and schedule meetings.

With this, I am pleased to appoint the following individuals to serve on my General Facilities Charges Advisory Committee:

Cheryl Stewart – Associated General Contractors
Vince Campanella – Lydig Construction
Randy Palazzo – Infill Developer
Jim Frank – Greenstone
Jennifer Thomas – Spokane Homebuilders Association
Darin Watkins – Spokane Assn. of Realtors
Greg Francis – District 2 Citizen, Plan Commission
Jesse Bank – NEPDA Director, Plan Commission
Michelle Pappas – Futurewise
Andrew Rolwes – Downtown Spokane Partnership
Chris Batten – Developer
Jordan Tampien – 4 Degrees
Ami Manning – Spokane Low Income Housing Consortium
Chauncey Jones – Take up the Cause, Affordable Housing
TBD – Community Assembly
Lori Kinnear – District 2 Councilmember
Jonathan Bingle – District 1 Councilmember

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Thank you for your willingness to share your experience and talents on this important committee.

I appreciate your service to our City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Nadine Woodward".

Nadine Woodward
Mayor

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