

RESOLUTION NO. 770

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF BIRCH BAY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT, WHATCOM COUNTY,
WASHINGTON, UPDATING ITS
ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM AND ESTABLISHING AN
ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Birch Bay Water and Sewer District (“District”) to provide quality water and sewer services within the District’s service area at reasonable costs; and

WHEREAS, the efficient use of energy resources for such things as vehicles, heating, cooling, pumping and waste water treatment plant processes reduces the costs of providing water and sewer services to District customers; and

WHEREAS, the efficient use of energy resources also reduces the amount of greenhouse gas emissions generated by District operations; and

WHEREAS, in light of the benefits of increasing efficient use of energy resources and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, the District desires to update its energy efficiency program and adopt an electric vehicle charging employee benefit program; and

WHEREAS, these programs are policy based, not bargained for by employees, and may be revised or rescinded by the District at any time; and

WHEREAS, the Birch Bay Water and Sewer District (“District”) has developed a policy statement (“Commission Policy”) updating its energy efficiency program and establishing an electric vehicle charging employee benefit program; and

WHEREAS, said Commission Policy is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Commissioners desires to adopt said Commission Policy as an official policy of the District; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing recitals are a material part of this Resolution;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Birch Bay Water and Sewer District, Whatcom County, Washington as follows:

Section 1: Adoption of Commission Policy. The District hereby adopts in full the Commission Policy (Exhibit A to this Resolution) as an official policy of the District.

Section 2: Conflicts. Any resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution.

Section 3: Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution. The Board hereby declares that it would have passed

this code and each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases has been declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 4: This Resolution shall be effective immediately,

PASSED by the Board of Commissioners of Birch Bay Water & Sewer District, Whatcom County, Washington, at a regular meeting held the 25 day of February, 2020.

Don Montfort
DON MONTFORT, COMMISSIONER

Jeff Benner
JEFF BENNER, COMMISSIONER

Fred Reid
FRED REID, COMMISSIONER

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 770 of Birch Bay Water & Sewer District, Whatcom County, Washington, adopted at the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners on February 25, 2020.

Fred Reid
SECRETARY

I, Sandi McMillan, as authorized by District resolution and in my capacity as Finance Director of the Birch Bay Water & Sewer District, do hereby attest that the foregoing resolution was approved by the Board of Commissioners by virtual electronic meeting on this 25 date of February, 2020.

Sandi McMillan 2/25/21
Sandi McMillan, Finance Director

COMMISSION POLICY

Exhibit A

SUBJECT: ESSSB 5560 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS REQUIREMENTS

Energy Efficiency Program. To reduce energy consumption requirements of the District and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions generated by District operations, the District hereby establishes an energy efficiency program under which it will conduct an annual review of its energy usage and assess cost-effective options for increasing the energy efficiency of District operations. Specific areas of District operations to be examined as part of said annual review shall include but are not limited to:

- 1) Heating, cooling and lighting of District facilities;
- 2) Waste water treatment plant processes;
- 3) Mileage incurred by District vehicles and the fuel efficiency thereof; and
- 4) Water and sewer pumping requirements.

Electric Vehicle Charging Employee Benefit Program. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions generated by District operations (particularly those associated with employee commuting and other uses of personal vehicles in support of District operations), the District hereby establishes a personal electric vehicle charging program which will allow District employees to charge their personal electric vehicles free-of-charge with District electricity. An employee charging his or her personal vehicle shall be limited to the use of District 110-volt outlets, only during a work shift. Employees shall use their own charger on a first-come, first-served basis. This program is a benefit of employment with the District, but has not been bargained for in collective bargaining and shall not be construed as a commitment, guarantee, or an express or implied contract, nor shall it be considered an amendment of any contract of employment. This personal electric vehicle charging program shall be subject to change or cancellation by the District at any time, without prior notice or negotiation.

Approved: December 10, 2020