

March 3, 2025

House Committee on Housing and Homelessness  
Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Marsh and members of the Committee,

The City of Gresham is supportive of residential fire sprinkler systems and understands the desire to reduce any additional System Development Charges associated with larger water meters needed for such sprinkler systems.

However, we believe the intent of HB 3505 –2 – to eliminate the *additional* SDC costs of a larger meter – can be made explicit by clearly specifying that a local government is only prohibited from imposing a higher SDC for the *additional capacity* required for the sprinkler system. Otherwise, this bill, as written, could inadvertently be read to eliminate all water SDCs on all residential developments with sprinkler systems.

This clarification could be made by making the following change to Section 1 (5)(b) to read:  
*(b) The difference between an increased A water meter required by the fire sprinkler system that is larger than and the water meter that would be required for the dwelling without a fire sprinkler system installed.*

We appreciate the work of this Committee and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



**Larry Morgan**  
Chief of Staff