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TO: KMAS, KRXY, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE OLYMPIAN, SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE SUN

RE: 2017 Water and Sewer Utility System Rate and Fee Increases

Per Mason County resolution #146-08, and resolution #05-09, all water and sewer rates and fees at the Mason County owned and operated Rustlewood, Beards Cove, and North Bay Case Inlet water and sewer systems will increase by 2.5% for the 2017 calendar year. The increase corresponds to the April 2016 consumer price increase (CPI-U) for the Bremerton Area for the one year period ending April 2016.

This increase applies to all charges associated with the referenced water and sewer utility systems, including monthly service rates, connection and permit fees and other related charges; as well as covering the annual cost increase experienced by the County for the operation and maintenance of the above referenced water and sewer utility systems.

Per resolution No. 04-12 amending Title 13 of the Mason County Code to revise chapter 13.31, the Belfair Sanitary Sewer Code, and the monthly rate for sewer service shall remain at \$96.00 per month for 2017. Capital Facility Charges (connection charges) shall increase from \$13,000 per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) to \$16,300 beginning January 1, 2017. All other permit fees, inspection fees and charges shall remain unchanged in 2017.

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