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The Sedro-Woolley City Council unanimously voted to reduce sewer connection fees and transportation impact fees at their regular meeting on May 8th, 2013. Commercial sewer connection charges are reduced by 42%; transportation impact fees are reduced by as much as 91%.

The current sewer connection charge is \$8,926 per residence and \$498 per fixture unit for commercial. The new charge is \$6,995 per residence and \$291 per fixture unit for commercial.

Mayor Anderson cited the work of the City Council's Business Development Committee as the impetus to conduct the fee review at this time. He also stated, "Sedro-Woolley is ready for growth. In the past six years we have spent more than thirty million dollars on infrastructure, from new roads to new sewer capacity to new firefighting equipment to reach bigger taller buildings. We are ready and these fee reductions should make Sedro-Woolley very appealing regionally." The average cost of Sedro-Woolley's new transportation impact fees are now lower than Burlington, Mount Vernon, Bellingham, Stanwood and Arlington.

Planning Director John Coleman stated, "The planning department is ready to process permits for new construction, remodels and new subdivisions and we commit to fast, friendly service here in Sedro-Woolley."

According to City Supervisor Eron Berg, "In taking the action the council took last night, the council made it clear that Sedro-Woolley really does mean business. It is easy to talk the business friendly talk, but this is a major, concrete action that will save businesses and builders thousands of dollars."

Additional information is available at www.sedro-woolleymeansbusiness.com, including the full text of Ordinances 1772-13 and 1773-13.

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