NEW SECTION. Section 1. A new section 25A.10.035 is hereby added to Chapter 25A.10 Snohomish County Code as follows:

25A.10.035 Commercial rainwater harvesting system

A system for storing, collecting, and reusing rainwater from a rooftop, installed at a commercial-use building, that has been designed and constructed in accordance with the Washington State Building Code Council’s Permissive Rainwater Harvesting System Guidelines For Nonresidential Occupancies (2002 or as amended), has a storage volume of at least ten per cent of the mean annual runoff volume generated from the contributing roof area, and for which design and construction has been approved by the director of the department of planning and development services.
NEW SECTION. Section 2. A new section 25A.10.073 is hereby added to Chapter 25A.10 Snohomish County Code as follows:

25A.10.073 Mean annual rainfall depth

The mean annual rainfall depth based on climatic statistics from the United States National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration Atlas 2, Volume IX.

NEW SECTION. Section 3. A new section 25A.10.075 is hereby added to Chapter 25A.10 Snohomish County Code as follows:

25A.10.075 Mean annual runoff volume

The runoff volume calculated as the product of a specified area and the mean annual rainfall depth, or the equivalent runoff volume statistic from that area calculated by a continuous-simulation hydrologic model using long-term local rainfall records.

Section 4. Snohomish County Code section 25A.20.060, adopted by Ordinance No. 01-130 on January 9, 2002, is amended to read as follows:

25A.20.060 Exemptions and reductions.

(1) The following shall be exempt from annual service charges:
(a) property that is owned by, and is the personal residence of, a person or persons approved by the county assessor for a senior citizen or disabled persons property tax exemption under RCW 84.36.381.
(b) property that is owned by a "public benefit nonprofit corporation," as defined by RCW 24.03.490 and is used as a cemetery, provided the property does not discharge stormwater off-site through constructed conveyance facilities and a 50 foot vegetated buffer is maintained on the property along any waterbody that drains to a fishbearing stream or lake.
(2) The rate charged for state highway right-of-way shall be 30 percent of the rate for comparable real property in terms of impervious surface coverage, or as otherwise provided by RCW 90.03.525.
(3) Pursuant to RCW 90.72.070, each parcel permitted and assessed a fee for a dairy waste national pollution discharge elimination system permit shall be exempt from the portion of the annual service charge collected under the authority of Chapter 90.72 RCW.
(4) Pursuant to RCW 90.72.070, lands classified as forest under Chapter 84.33 RCW as an open space timber under Chapter 84.34 RCW shall be exempt from the portion of the annual service charge collected under the authority of Chapter 90.72 RCW.
(5) The rate charged for a parcel with a commercial rainwater harvesting system shall be reduced from the rate set out in this chapter by a fraction equal to the storage
volume of the rainwater harvesting system divided by the mean annual runoff volume
generated by the total impervious surface area at the parcel.

PASSED this 26th day of October, 2005.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

/s/ Gary A. Nelson____________________________
Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/ Barbara Sikorski_______________
Asst. Clerk of the Council

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DATE: /s/ October 27, 2005

/s/ Mark Soine________________________
Deputy Executive
for County Executive

ATTEST:

/s/ Laura Nelson_____________________

Approved as to form only:

/s/ Gordon W Sivley 8/25/05
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney