



# **APPLICATION FOR REBATE**

## **City of Tumwater**

### **Septic Conversion Incentive Program**

#### ***What is this program?***

- The City of Tumwater is offering a rebate of 50% off the City connection fee to property owners converting from an existing on-site septic system to the City's wastewater system.
- Property owners converting from septic to sewer who meet the criteria for hardship status (Lifeline) may qualify for an additional rebate of 25% off the City connection fee.

#### ***How does the program work?***

- Complete the necessary information on the back of this application and submit it to the Water Resources and Sustainability Department at the City of Tumwater.
- City staff will review the application, determine rebate eligibility, and send you notification of the rebate amount.
- At the time of payment for charges related to connection to the sewer system, you will receive an "instant" rebate off the cost of the City connection fee. You will be responsible for payment of the remaining portion of the City and LOTT Clean Water Alliance (LOTT) connection fees not covered by the pre-approved rebate, along with other applicable city permits and fees.
- This program is in effect from 2021-2024, and subject to available funds.

#### ***Why is the City of Tumwater offering this incentive program?***

These rebates are being provided as an incentive to encourage property owners within the City's service area to properly abandon on-site septic systems and connect to the public sewer system. This benefits our community by:

- Helping protect water quality of local groundwater, lakes, streams, and inlets.
- Protecting our regions ability to discharge highly treated wastewater to receiving waters.
- Spreading the cost of operating the public sewer system over more ratepayers, helping lower costs for all.
- Gathering data that can help guide future efforts to encourage septic to sewer conversion in our urban area.

#### ***Who should I contact for more information?***

Contact the City of Tumwater by phone at (360) 754-4140 or email [waterresources@ci.tumwater.wa.us](mailto:waterresources@ci.tumwater.wa.us) to learn more about this program.

Property Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Property Address (of sewer connection): \_\_\_\_\_  
Parcel Number (if known): \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person (if different from owner): \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Property:  Single-Family  Duplex  Multi-Family  Commercial  
Number of Units: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you believe you may qualify for hardship status as defined by the City's Lifeline Program?  
 Yes  No

### Terms and Conditions

1. This program is subject to available funds. The City of Tumwater reserves the right to deny any application that does not meet all requirements outlined herein in their sole discretion and to discontinue the program at any time.
2. To be eligible:
  - a. The property listed above must be converting from an existing septic system to the City of Tumwater's wastewater system.
  - b. Septic abandonment and sewer connection must follow all applicable rules and regulations as outlined by the local Board of Health, Thurston County, and the City.
3. Application for rebate must be received prior to connection to the public sewer system and prior to payment of charges related to connection to the sewer system.
4. Determination of hardship status is made at the sole discretion of the City.
5. Rebates are granted as "instant" rebates, which apply only at the time of payment to the City for charges related to connection to the sewer system. The City septic conversion incentive rebate has no cash value. Payment of the connection fee is made by the property owner to the City, along with other applicable permit and connection fees prior to connection of service. At the time of payment, the property owner will be responsible for all connection fees not covered by the pre-approved rebate.
6. The rebate must be redeemed and the remaining portion of the City fees paid within 3 months of rebate approval. If payment is not made within 3 months, the rebate approval will be rescinded and the property owner will need to reapply, with no guarantee of approval, available funding, or program continuation. In cases where the City revokes the permit for connection due to an unacceptable delay in the property owner's efforts to connect to the sewer system, the City's rebate approval will be rescinded and the property owner will need to reapply, with no guarantee of approval, available funding, or program continuation.

### Release and Waiver

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that I am the owner/legal representative of the property at the above-listed site and that all information given is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have read, understand, and agree to all terms and conditions as stated above. It is understood and agreed that I shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Tumwater, their agents, officers, employees, and directors from all claims, suits, and actions of every name, kind, and description brought for or on account of injuries to or death of any person, damage to property, or any other damage, penalty, or fine of any kind, resulting from, in connection with, or arising of, or related to my participation in this program.

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_