HOW DOES THE CITY USE THE MONEY WE COLLECT? System Development Charges

System Development Charges (SDC's) are one-time charges on new development and certain types of redevelopment to help pay for previous and new capacity infrastructure improvements. These fees are collected by Community Development when building permits are issued for residential, industrial and commercial permits. Oregon law requires that SDC's are restricted and accounted for in a manner that assures they are spent on the projects they were collected for. All System Development Charges in Scappoose are accounted for in separate funds and are used to fund capital improvement projects or debt service (Water) to pay for prior capital projects.

With fewer new building projects in the city recently, System Development Charge receipts have been fairly low for the last five years. The city collects the following System Development Charges:

• Street SDC's – Currently the city is using SDC funds for the Maple Street sidewalk project mentioned in last month's newsletter.



Storm Drainage SDC's – No specific Storm Drainage projects are planned for the current fiscal
year but funds were utilized for the Storm Drainage Master plan available on the City website.



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Park SDC's – Park SDC's are only assessed on residential properties. In recent years, new home
construction has declined accounting for a reduction in the collection of funds. More
residential development is planned in upcoming years. Funds have been utilized the last two
years for the Parks Master Plan and Grabhorn park projects. In addition to SDC funds, the City
is setting aside General Fund money to help fund capacity adding park projects.



• Water SDC's – The City has the reservoir and well drilling projects moving forward this year. The Water SDC fund is also being used to help the Water fund pay for an existing loan.



• Wastewater (Sewer) SDC's – Funds have been utilized for wastewater treatment plant and other additional capacity improvements.

