

- (7) The grantee shall bear all costs of furnishing flagging protection, warning devices and inspection services, as well as the costs of restoring the affected area to its original condition.

(b) Fees, charges or water rents.

- (1) In consideration for the granting of such easements by the County, the grantee shall pay to the County such fees, charges, or portions of fees and water rents as shall be from time to time established by the County Council.
- (2) Initial fees, charges, water rents or portions thereof shall be those as are in force and effect at the time the easement is granted and shall be remitted to the County Finance Department on a monthly basis.
- (3) Prior to any increase in fees, charges or water rents, at least thirty (30) days' notice prior to the effective date shall be given to those grantees so affected.
- (4) Any grantee affected by any such increase may request a hearing by County Council or its duly authorized representative, provided such hearing is requested in writing within twenty (20) days of the giving of notice as required in subsection (b)(3) of this Section.
- (5) Such request for hearing shall stay the implementation of such increase for an additional fifteen (15) days beyond the thirty-day notice period, but thereafter such increase shall go into effect and so continue until such time as changed by County Council, general law, or a court of competent jurisdiction.
- (6) Such increase as is collected subsequent to such request for hearing shall be placed in escrow pending a ruling by County Council. In the event of a reduction of the increase, such difference shall be refunded to the grantee.
- (7) Only that increase collected from a grantee that has requested a hearing shall be so escrowed. Increases collected from grantees that do not request a hearing will not be escrowed.
- (8) In the event County Council, after hearing, refuses to reduce the increase, the funds so escrowed shall immediately revert to the general fund or such other fund as has been designated by County Council.
- (9) In the event the hearing provided for in subsection (b) (4) of this Section is held by the duly authorized representative of County Council, the representative shall report his/her findings and recommendations to County Council within ten (10) working days thereafter.
- (10) The failure of County Council to affirmatively reduce the increase by the second meeting after a receipt of such report shall constitute a ratification of its previous action establishing such increase.

Sec. 1-35. Adoption not to constitute waiver.

(a) The adoption of this chapter shall not be deemed an acceptance of liability nor a waiver of the doctrine of sovereign immunity.

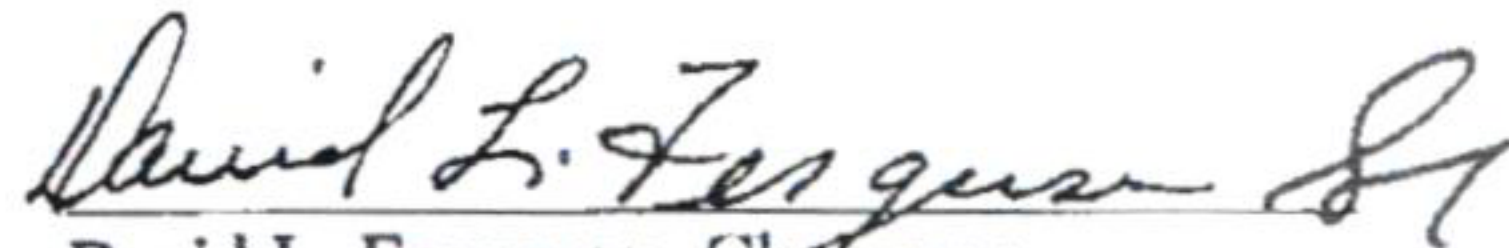
(b) The adoption of this chapter shall not be deemed a waiver of the release clause contained in the standard easement and right-of-way deed.

SECTION II. Severability. If any section, subsection, or clause of this ordinance shall be deemed to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, and clauses shall not be affected thereby.

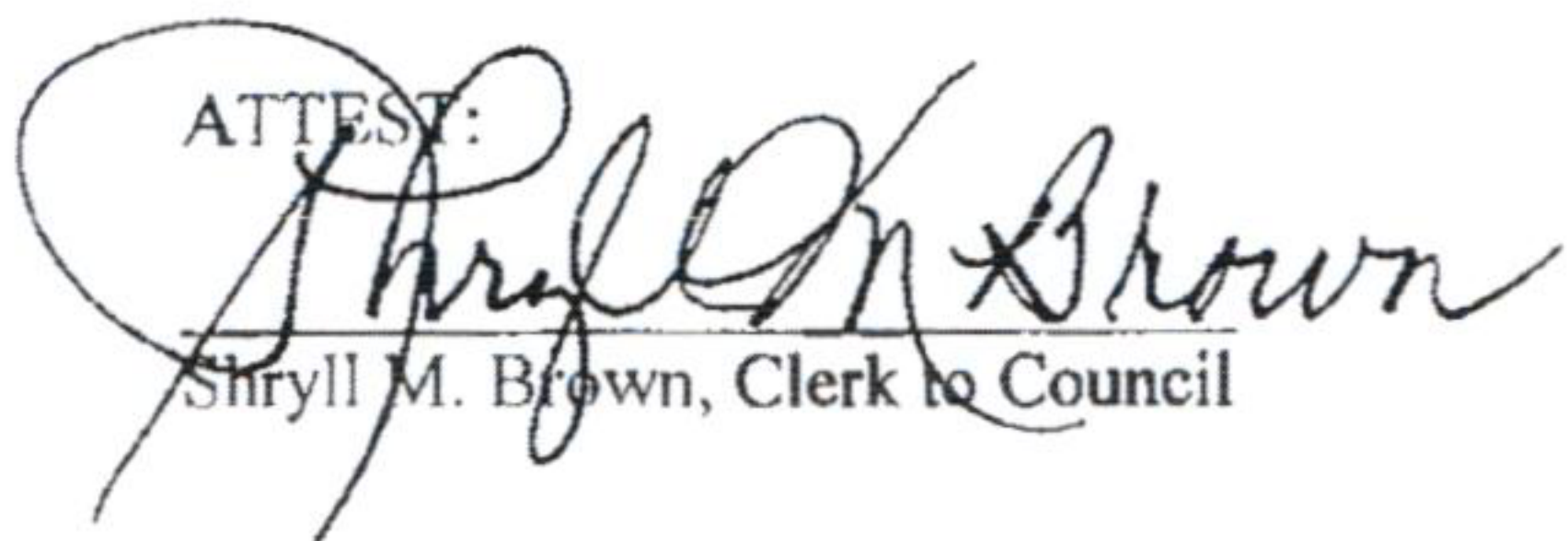
SECTION III. Conflicting Ordinances Repealed. This ordinance replaces ordinance number 75 in its entirety, and all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION IV. Effective Date. This ordinance shall go into effect upon its adoption by the Fairfield County Council.

ADOPTED THIS 25th DAY OF April, 2011 BY ORDER OF
THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL.


David L. Ferguson, Chairman

ATTEST:


Shryll M. Brown, Clerk to Council