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The distribution of EIP cards follows the millions of payments already made by direct deposit and the ongoing mailing of paper checks and are part of the Treasury's and IRS's plan to deliver Economic Impact Payments as rapidly as possible.

EIP cards are safe, convenient and secure, according to a Treasury press release on Jan. 7.

Cardholders can make purchases online or in stores anywhere Visa Debit Cards are accepted, get cash from domestic in-network

ATMs, transfer funds to a personal bank account, and obtain a replacement EIP card if needed without incurring any fees.

Recipients can also check their card balance online, through a mobile app or by phone without incurring fees.

The EIP card provides consumer protections including certain protections against fraud, loss, and other errors.

EIP cards will be sent in a white envelope that prominently displays the U.S. Department of the Treasury seal.

The EIP Card has the Visa name on the front of the card and the issuing bank name, MetaBank, N.A., on the back of the card. Each mailing will include instructions on how

to securely activate and use the EIP card.

EIP cards are being issued to eligible recipients across all 50 states and the District of Columbia. In order to quickly disburse EIPs, some people who received EIPs by paper check for the first round of EIPs might receive an EIP card this time, and some people who received an EIP card for the first round may receive a paper check.

EIP cards are sponsored by the Treasury Department's Bureau of the Fiscal Service.

The EIP Card is part of Treasury's U.S. Debit Card program, which provides prepaid debit card services to federal agencies for the electronic delivery of non-benefit payments.

MetaBank, N.A. was se-

lected as Treasury's financial agent for the U.S. Debit Card program in 2016, following a competitive selection process conducted by the Treasury's Bureau of the Fiscal Service.

For more information about EIP cards, visit EIPCard.com.

The issuance of this second round of payments follows the successful delivery of more than 159 million CARES Act Economic Impact Payments totaling more than \$270 billion last year.

Those expecting payment may check the status at irs.gov/GetMyPayment.

For more information about Economic Impact Payments, visit irs.gov/coronavirus/second-eip-faqs.

SDC from A1

among city developments, the proposed amendment to Cottage Grove Municipal Code aims to calculate the city's SDC fees for water and sewer based on system impact.

Thus, the change to city code would allow for the calculation of sewer and water SDC fees for developments served by meters larger than 1.5" using the

Meter Size Schedule, reflecting both options included within the methodology.

Specifically, the amendment states that the city may calculate sewer and water SDC fees for all developments utilizing a 1.5" meter or less by multiplying sewer or water fixture units times the SDC rate per sewer fixture unit.

For developments utilizing a meter larger than 1.5", sewer and water SDC fees will be calculated using the

Meter Size Schedule.

In making a case for the change, city staff cite peak water demand studies which show that, when multi-unit developments increase in size, the probability of the majority of the fixtures being used at the same time is drastically reduced compared to single family homes.

Peak flow rates for single family homes, for instance, is 11 gallons per minute while peak flow rates for a 27 multi-unit residential development is slightly less than two gallons per minute per residential unit.

The city has also stated a goal of encouraging large multi-unit residential developments as part of its housing plan and the amendment is meant to further this aim.

If passed, the ordinance will take effect 30 days after adoption.

The agenda for the Jan. 25 meeting is scheduled to be posted today. Those wanting to attend virtually may access the meeting through a GoToMeeting link on the meeting agenda page of the city's website at www.cottagegrove.org/meetings.

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South Lane Mental Health "Alas"

South Lane Mental Health, located in Cottage Grove, Oregon, is now providing mental health services for Spanish speaking individuals. Our program, Alas, serves children and adults, individuals, couples, and families. Our services include case management, group therapy, individual therapy and peer support services. We offer in-person services or remote services via telehealth. We can assist with your computer needs if you prefer Telehealth services. For more information and/or to make an appointment, please call 541-942-3939

South Lane Mental Health, ubicado en Cottage Grove, Oregon, ahora ofrece servicios para gente hispano-hablante. Nuestro programa, Alas, apoya a jóvenes, individuos, parejas y familias. Nuestros servicios incluyen el manejo de casos (navegación de recursos y educación comunitaria), terapia de grupo y terapia para individuos. Ofrecemos servicios en persona, por teléfono y por video. Nosotros podemos ayudar con sus necesidades de tecnología si prefiere recibir servicios por teléfono o video. Para más información o para hacer cita, por favor llame a 541-942-3939.