

Legislation Text

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TO: Mayor and City Commission

FROM: Douglas E. Smith, City Manager

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ESTABLISHING THE MONTHLY FEE TO BE PAID FOR THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT UTILITY FEE TO A MONTHLY FEE OF \$5.15 PER EQUIVALENT RESIDENTIAL UNIT (ERU) EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016; PROVIDING FOR CPI INCREASE BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016 AND EACH OCTOBER 1 THEREAFTER THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2020.

BACKGROUND: Pursuant to Sec. 34-2 City Code of Ordinances, a stormwater Equivalent Residential Unit ("ERU") is established as 2,382 square feet of impervious surface area for non-residential properties and one ERU per residential dwelling unit for residential properties. The current rate of \$3.57 per month per ERU has been in effect since January 1, 2009. The stormwater fee is billed monthly to customers on the City's water bill.

Based on the analysis performed by Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc., the current fee does not generate sufficient revenue to meet the cost of maintaining the City's stormwater infrastructure and associated equipment repair and maintenance costs. The attached ordinance provides for an initial increase to \$5.15 per ERU per month effective January 1, 2016 and provides for subsequent adjustments through FY 2020.

Approved on First Reading at 10/7/15 Regular City Commission Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: For approval.

FISCAL IMPACT: Additional \$1.58/month per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU).

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