



# City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: City Utilities - Sewer/Stormwater

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: August 5, 2019

Re: Amending Chapter 12A of the City Code as it relates to storm water utility charges.

## Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration an ordinance amending Chapter 12A of the City Code as it relates to monthly fees charged by the storm water utility.

## Discussion

Chapter 12A of the City Code governs the fees paid by citizens for the Stormwater Utility. Missouri state law requires that storm water fees be decided by voters. This increase is the last of five Stormwater Utility rate increases approved by voters in April 2015.

This ordinance would increase each of the five categories of storm water fees in Section 12A-148 by approximately 20%, as follows:

- Increase the charge for multiple-family buildings having more than four units and single-family residences having a main floor area less than 750 sq. ft. from \$1.59 per month to \$1.90 per month.
- Increase the charge for multiple-family buildings having four units or less, mobile homes and single-family residences having a main floor area from 750 sq. ft. to 1,250 sq. ft. from \$2.08 per month to \$2.49 per month.
- Increase the charge for single-family residences having a main floor area from 1,251 sq. ft. to 2,000 sq. ft. from \$2.81 per month to \$3.37 per month.
- Increase the charge for single-family residences having a main floor area more than 2,000 sq. ft. from \$3.30 per month to \$3.96 per month.
- Increase the charge for all non-residential uses of developed land from \$9.77 or \$0.098 per 100 square feet of impervious area, whichever is greater to \$11.72 or \$0.117 per 100 square feet of impervious area, whichever is greater.

## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Increase the revenue from monthly fees by approximately 20% over Fiscal Year 2019 rates, as approved by voters in April 2015.

Long-Term Impact: Increase the revenue from monthly fees by approximately 20% over Fiscal Year 2019 rates, as approved by voters in April 2015.



## Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

### Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

### Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

## Legislative History

Date	Action
09/17/2018	B176-18 Amending Chapter 12A of the City Code as it relates to storm water utility charges.
09/18/2017	B222-17 Amending Chapter 12A of the City Code as it relates to storm water utility charges.
09/19/2016	B193-16 Amending Chapter 12A of the City Code as it relates to storm water utility charges.
09/21/2015	B222-15 Amending Chapter 12A of the City Code as it relates to storm water utility charges.
06/01/2015	Ord. 22464 Declaring the results of the election held in the City of Columbia, Missouri on April 7, 2015 (June 2, 2015)
01/20/2015	Ord.22352 Calling a special election in the City of Columbia, Missouri, to be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2015, on the question whether to increase monthly storm water utility charges for the purpose of construction, extending, expanding, improving, repairing, replacing, enhancing, managing and equipping the storm water utility system.
07/07/2014	Burton & Associates presented rate recommendations for the Storm Water Utility to the City Council during pre-council meeting.
03/04/2014	Agreement with Burton & Associates for Storm Water Utility Cost of Service and Rate Study

## Suggested Council Action

Approval of the ordinance amending Chapter 12 A of the City Code.