



Department Source: City Utilities - Sewer/Stormwater

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: August 7, 2017

Re: Amending Chapter 12A of the City Code as it relates to monthly storm water fees and reporting requirements for storm water management facilities

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 and required reporting dates for storm water management facilities.

Discussion

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

The following are the proposed section changes with a brief discussion of the proposed change.

Sec. 12A-148 – proposed increase in fees for each of five categories of storm water fees. The first four categories are for residential customers with actual monthly charges increasing by \$0.25; \$0.33; \$0.45; or \$0.53 depending on the square footage of the main floor of the residential property. Non-residential properties are based on impervious surfaces. The non-residential category is being increased by \$0.015 for each one hundred square foot of impervious surface or by \$1.56 for those properties charged the minimum rate.

Section 12A-95 provides for the maintenance and repair of private and public storm water management facilities. Regular inspection and yearly reporting are required to ensure their proper function. The proposed ordinance change will shift the date of a required inspection to the time period between August 1 and October 31. This allows for inspection following the growing season to more accurately observe plant growth within the facilities. The proposed change also moves the report submittal date from June 1 to November 15.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Increase revenue by the amount approved by voters in April 2015, from fees charged, over Fiscal Year 2017 rate.

Long-Term Impact: Increase revenue by the amount approved by voters in April 2015, from fees charged, over Fiscal Year 2017 rate.



Vision & Strategic Plan Impact

Vision Impacts:

Primary Impact: Environment, Secondary Impact: Development, Tertiary Impact: Community Facilities and Services

Strategic Plan Impacts:

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

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

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

Legislative History

Date	Action
09/19/2016	B193-16 Amending Chapter 12A of the City Code as it relates to stormwater utility charges.
09/21/2015	B222-15 Amending Chapter 12A of the City Code as it relates to stormwater 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 stormwater utility charges for the purpose of construction, extending, expanding, improving, repairing, replacing, enhancing, managing and equipping the stormwater utility system.
07/07/2014	Burton & Associates presented rate recommendations for the Stormwater Utility to the City Council during pre-council meeting.
03/04/2014	Agreement with Burton & Associates for Stormwater Utility Cost of Service and Rate Study

Suggested Council Action

Staff recommends Council approve the ordinance amending Chapter 12A.