

City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201



Agenda Item Number: B 222-15

Department Source: Public Works

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: 08/03/2015

Re: Amend Chapter 12A to Increase Monthly Stormwater Utility Charges for FY2016

Documents Included With This Agenda Item

Council memo, Resolution/Ordinance

Supporting documentation includes: None

Executive Summary

Staff is proposing to amend Chapter 12A of the City Code as it relates to an increase in monthly stormwater utility charges as approved by voters in the City of Columbia April 2015 special election. This is the first of five annual increases to stormwater utility monthly charges effective October 1, 2015.

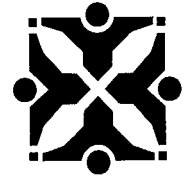
Discussion

A special election was held on April 7, 2015 concerning whether to increase monthly stormwater utility charges for the purpose of funding capital improvement projects to repair and/or replace failing stormwater infrastructure. Fifty-nine (59) percent of Columbia voters approved the stormwater utility increase over the next five consecutive years. The following list represents the first of five annual rate increases.

- Multiple-family buildings having more than four units; single-family residences having a main floor area less than 750 sq. ft. From \$0.65 to \$0.81 per unit
- Multiple-family buildings having four or less units; mobile homes; single-family residences having a main floor area of from 750 sq. ft. to 1,250 sq. ft.: From \$0.85 to \$1.06 per unit
- Single-family residences having a main floor area of from 1,251 sq. ft. to 2,000 sq. ft.: from \$1.15 to \$1.44 per unit
- Single-family residences having a main floor area of more than 2,000 sq. ft.: From \$1.35 to \$1.69 per unit
- All non-residential uses of developed land: From \$4.00 or \$0.04 to \$5.00 or \$0.05 per 100 square feet impervious area, whichever is greater.

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Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The anticipated additional revenue from this FY16 rate increase is \$272,500

Long-Term Impact: User rate increases 25% in FY17; 25% in FY18; 25% in FY19; and 20% in FY20

Vision, Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Vision Impact: Environment, Health, Social Services and Affordable Housing

Strategic Plan Impact: Health, Safety and Wellbeing

Comprehensive Plan Impact: Environmental Management, Infrastructure, Livable & Sustainable Communities

Suggested Council Action

Pass the ordinance amending Chapter 12A of the City Code as it relates to an increase in monthly stormwater utility charges for FY2016.

Legislative History

7/01/13 - Pre-council meeting - Stormwater & Street Infrastructure Ballot

3/04/14 - Agreement with Burton & Associates for Stormwater Utility Cost of Service and Rate Study

7/07/14 - Burton & Associates presented rate recommendations for the Stormwater Utility to the City Council during pre-council meeting.

1/20/15 - (B19-15, 022351) Calling a special election to authorize the City to establish new monthly Stormwater Utility charges for the purpose of construction, extending, expanding, improving, repairing, replacing, enhancing, managing and equipping the stormwater utility system.

3/02/15 (R41-15) License agreement with Burton & Associates. for use FAMS-XL financial forecasting model for Sanitary Sewer Utility & Stormwater Utility cost of service & rate study

4/07/15 - 59% of Columbia voters approved rate increases to monthly stormwater charges over the next five consecutive years to fund stormwater improvements.


Department Approved


City Manager Approved

Introduced by _____

First Reading _____

Second Reading _____

Ordinance No. _____

Council Bill No. B 222-15

AN ORDINANCE

amending Chapter 12A of the City Code as it relates to stormwater utility charges; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 12A of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, Missouri, is hereby amended as follows:

Material to be deleted in ~~strikeout~~; material to be added underlined.

Sec. 12A-148. Stormwater utility charge.

There is hereby established a monthly stormwater utility charge to be paid by the occupant or owner of each parcel of developed land within the city in accordance with the following table:

<i>Category of land use</i>	<i>Monthly Charge</i>
Multiple-family buildings having more than four units; single-family residences having a main floor area less than 750 sq. ft.	\$0.65 <u>0.81</u> per unit
Multiple-family buildings having four or less units; mobile homes; single-family residences having a main floor area of from 750 sq. ft. to 1,250 sq. ft.	\$0.85 <u>1.06</u> per unit
Single-family residences having a main floor area of from 1,251 sq. ft. to 2,000 sq. ft.	\$1.15 <u>1.44</u> per unit
Single-family residence having a main floor area more than 2,000 sq. ft.	\$1.35 <u>1.69</u> per unit
All non-residential uses of developed land	\$4.00 <u>5.00</u> or \$0.04 or <u>\$0.05</u> per 100 square feet impervious area, whichever is greater.

SECTION 2. The new rates established in this ordinance shall take effect on October 1, 2015; provided that rates for monthly charges shall be applied to utility bills beginning with the first cycle billed in October, 2015.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2015.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor