



Proposed Stormwater Utility Fee Adjustment

About the Stormwater Utility Fee:

The stormwater utility fee is a service charge for water quality, drainage, and storm sewer maintenance throughout the city associated with stormwater drainage across your parcel. The utility was established by the Fishers Town Council in 2007 in response to unfunded state and federal mandates for water quality. The first billing occurred in 2008. Currently, the City collects \$3.3 million in annual stormwater fee revenue from approximately 34,000 stormwater customers. Major services include storm sewer improvements and maintenance, drainage/flood control projects and studies, street sweeping, water quality improvement projects, waterway cleanups, recycling days, National Flood Insurance Program Management, construction project plan review and inspection, private drainage and water quality issue matching grants, the free rain barrel program, and city-wide stormwater related environmental compliance.

Reason for the Increased Fee:

Over the past 10 years, there has been no increase in the utility fee; however, costs have continued to increase for maintenance and necessary improvements to Fishers' stormwater system as the city has expanded and grown. A study was recently conducted by Policy Analytics to evaluate the City's stormwater utility fee. It was determined that the current rate will not support continued capital improvements to the stormwater system. An increased fee was recommended and a Stormwater Master Plan capital improvement list was created by DLZ to address current and ongoing stormwater issues in the community. The plan is comprised of projects totaling \$8.3 million, including drainage, maintenance, drainage and floodplain studies, detention, equipment, and water quality improvements.

New Rates:

Rates will continue to be determined by the contribution that each property makes to the total amount of stormwater generated. This is calculated based on the average square footage of impervious surface area on the property. Based on a representative sample of more than 1,900 residential properties, it was determined that the average residential lot has a total of 3,318 square feet of impervious surfaces. This average square footage of impervious surface area is known as an equivalent residential unit (ERU). Non-residential property bills are calculated by dividing the actual site impervious area by the base ERU of 3,318 to arrive at the number of total charged ERUs. The proposed rate adjustment is \$1.71 per ERU. This equates to an annual increase of \$20.52 for a residential home. Non-residential account annual increases will be variable depending on the amount of impervious surface, but the average yearly increase for commercial users is approximately \$400.



Cheeney Creek - Shellbourne to Hague

Classification	Current Monthly Fee	Proposed New Monthly Fee	New Annual Fee	Applicability
Residential	\$4.95	\$6.66	\$79.92	Per parcel
Non-Residential	\$4.95	\$6.66	\$79.92	Per ERU
Condominium	\$2.97	\$4.00	\$48.00	Per parcel
Unimproved	\$1.65	\$2.22	\$26.64	Per parcel
Small Non-Residential	\$1.65	\$2.22	\$26.64	Per parcel

Community Impact:

The funds will be used to address current and ongoing stormwater issues in the community and ensure that the City is operating in accordance with state and federal standards. The goal is to focus revenue increases on capital improvements to the stormwater system throughout the city. A full list of potential projects can be found on the reverse side.

Category	Project	Estimated Local Cost
Cash Funded Projects		
Drainage	10307 Cumberland Road Storm Sewer Upgrades in Bradford Knoll	\$235,000
Drainage	Allisonville and 106th Street Drainage from Airport Property	180,000
Drainage	Flat Fork Creek Park Outfall Improvements	175,000
Drainage	116th and Hoosier Road Floodplain Improvements Study, Design, Construction	150,000
Equipment	Street Sweeper	150,000
Drainage	Geist Master Plan Vegetative Swale (Fall Creek Road and Carefree Estates)	100,000
Study	Sunblest Farms Drainage Study	90,000
Drainage	136th Street Culvert Improvements at Limestone Springs	80,000
Drainage	96th Street and Cyntheanne Rd. and just north of that intersection (High Water)	80,000
Drainage	Georgia Road North of 96th Street (High Water)	75,000
Drainage	Fishers YMCA Stream/Buffer Restoration Construction	70,809
Study	Reynolds Industrial Park Redevelopment Area Existing Pond Study	50,000
Drainage	Sweet Briar to Britton Ridge Pond Network Modifications/Study	40,000
Study	Mud Creek Floodplain Restudy	30,000
Study	Geist Reservoir Floodplain Restudy (May have been done by DNR)	30,000
Study	Sand Creek Floodplain Restudy	25,000
Drainage	104th Street Pond Issue Near Timberstone	20,000
Drainage	Timberstone/Strongbow Gate Outlet Control Structure/Overflow Route Modifications	20,000
Drainage	126th St. and Atlantic Rd. Damaged Culvert Drainage Issue	20,000
Drainage	Conner Creek Pond Outlet Control Structure Modifications	20,000
Drainage	Wildwood Estates Pond Outlet Control Structure Debris Capture Adjustment	20,000
Drainage	Cherry Hill Pond Outlet Control Structure Modifications	20,000
Maintenance	Hoosier Road South of the S-Curve/Cemetery (High Water)	20,000
Maintenance	121st Street between Cross Road Lane and Blue Springs Lane (High Water)	18,000
Drainage	96th & Masters - West of Intersection at AT&T Manhole (High Water)	15,000
Study	Britton Branch Floodplain Study	15,000
Drainage	10000 block of Crosspoint Blvd (High Water)	10,000
Maintenance	Lantern Road/USA Parkway North of the RAB	10,000
Maintenance	96th Street Inlet/Swale Redesign by Psychic House	10,000
Study	Quaker Ridge Storm Drain/Pipe Study	6,500
Subtotal: Cash Funded Projects		\$1,785,309
Bond Funded Projects		
Redevelopment	116th and Lantern Area Downtown Redevelopment Dual Purpose Facility Areas	\$1,400,000
Drainage	Cumberland Road/106th Street Bridge Replacement	826,462
Drainage	Windermere Drainage Phase III Area B (areas 7,5, 2, 3) Design/Construction	718,342
Redevelopment	Airport Property Dual Purpose Facility Areas	600,000
Drainage	Windermere Drainage Phase IV Area B, C, D (B: 1, 4, 6, 9 and CD) Design/Construction	547,354
Drainage	BLN's Small Structure Survey Projects	504,248
Drainage	106th Street between Shellbourne Road and Hague Road (High Water)	400,000
Drainage	106th Street between Hague Road and Railroad Tracks (High Water)	380,000
Drainage	Prairie Baptist South of Silverleaf Blvd (High Water)	300,000
Drainage	Windermere Drainage Phase V Area B Priority 4 Design/Construction	238,810
Drainage	136th Street West of Prairie Baptist at Mud Creek	200,000
Drainage	97th and 98th Street Continued improvements? (East Side)	180,000
Drainage	136th Street and Atlantic Road (High Water)	160,000
Drainage	136th Street West of Marilyn Road at Sand Creek Flooding Improvements	100,000
Study	106th and Cheeney Creek Floodplain Improvements Study	15,000
Subtotal: Bond Funded Projects		\$6,570,216
Grand Total		\$8,355,525