

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
Report for the Village Council Meeting
12/13/2016

SUBJECT:	SUBMITTED BY:
FY17 Budget Implementation/Increase in Stormwater Utility Rate	Judy Buttny Finance Director

SYNOPSIS

An Ordinance has been prepared to increase the stormwater utility rate from \$9.72 per ERU to \$10.53 per ERU. The increase is consistent with the FY17 Budget, approved on November 22, 2016, direction by the Village Council provided during Long Range Planning and the [2016 Stormwater Utility Report](#).

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The goals for 2015-2017 include *Steward of Fiscal and Environmental Sustainability*.

FISCAL IMPACT

The updated fee is expected to generate \$3.9 million of revenue in the Stormwater fund. This is consistent with the FY17 Budget approved on November 22, 2016.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval on the December 20, 2016 Active Agenda.

BACKGROUND*Stormwater Rates*

Per the approved FY17 budget, the stormwater rate will be increased to align with the recommendations of the 2012 Stormwater Study, and the 2016 Stormwater Utility Report. The plan called for a stormwater fee that would cover the cost of future capital projects, debt service related to those projects, as well as operational and maintenance costs. The utility model represents an equitable method to collect revenue from those properties that place a demand on the system. Revenue is generated by charging all property owners a monthly stormwater fee, based on the property's impact to the stormwater system. At that time, the Village created a plan for establishing stormwater fees that would increase revenues over a 15-year period, allowing the Village to move from the current level of service to the recommended level within that time frame. The plan calls for annual increases in the stormwater utility fee of approximately 8.7% per year, which would increase the annual revenue available for stormwater management fees from its current level of \$3.6 million in 2016 to about \$11.4 million in 2028. This fee is expected to produce \$3.9 million in revenues in 2017.

The following table shows the proposed stormwater rate that will go into effect for bills received after January 1, 2017:

Monthly Fee	2016 Fee	2017 Proposed Fee
Per Equivalent Runoff Unit (ERU)	\$9.72	\$10.53

The monthly fee of \$10.53 was used in the stormwater fee calculator published as part of the stormwater utility referenda question public education initiative.

The following table shows how the new stormwater rates will impact a single family residence, a typical commercial user, and a typical industrial user in 2017:

User Category	ERU	Current Annual Fee	Proposed Annual Fee
Single Family Residence (2,501-4,000 s.f. of impervious area)	1	\$116.64	\$126.36
Typical Commercial User	20	\$2,332.80	\$2,527.20
Typical Industrial User	19	\$2,216.16	\$2,400.84

ATTACHMENTS

Stormwater Rate Ordinance

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ORDINANCE NO. _____**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
STORMWATER UTILITY FEES**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove in DuPage County, Illinois, as follows: (Additions are indicated by shading/underline; deletions by ~~strikeout~~):

Section 1. That Section 25.66. is hereby amended to read as follows:**25.66. Stormwater Utility Fee Rates.**

(a) Authority of Village to set rates.

The Village Council shall retain at all times the power and authority to set stormwater utility fee rates. The Village shall review the adequacy of the stormwater utility fee rate annually in conjunction with the budget process. The rate shall be revised periodically to reflect any change in local capital costs, operation, or maintenance, plus replacement costs.

(b) Rates.

(1) Effective January 1, ~~2015~~2017 the stormwater utility fee rate per Equivalent Runoff Unit (ERU) per month shall be ~~\$9.72~~\$10.53.

(2) Single Family Residential. Each parcel within the single family residential classification shall be assessed the following stormwater utility fee based on a four tier structure which is tied to the amount of impervious area located on each parcel.

	Parcel Description	Number of ERUs per parcel
Tier 1	parcels with 1 to 2,500 square feet of impervious area	0.75 ERU
Tier 2	parcels with 2,501 to 4,000 square feet of impervious area	1.0 ERU
Tier 3	parcels with 4,001 to 7,000 square feet of impervious area	1.5 ERUs
Tier 4	parcels with more than 7,000 square feet of impervious area	The actual number of ERUs rounded to the next whole ERU multiplied by the rate per ERU as set forth in Section b(1) above.

(3) Non-Single Family Residential. All non-single family residential parcels in the Village shall be assessed a stormwater utility fee based on the measured number of ERUs on the parcel multiplied by the rate per ERU as set forth in Section b(1) above. All fractional ERUs will be rounded up to the next whole ERU.

(4) Vacant Parcels. The Village shall assess vacant parcels a stormwater utility fee that is equivalent to 0.3 ERU.

(5) Exemptions. The following property shall be exempt from paying the stormwater utility fee:

(a) Parcels that have been granted a property tax exemption in accordance with the provisions of Article 15 of the Illinois Property Tax Code (35ILCS 200/15 et seq.).

(b) Public rights-of-way.

Section 2. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are

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hereby repealed.

Section 3 That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

Mayor

Passed:

Published:

Attest: _____

Village Clerk