



Legislation Text

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Title

Public Hearing - Land Use and Environmental Services Agency Fee Ordinance Changes

Action

ACTION:

1) Open public hearing for comments on proposed revisions to the Land Use and Environmental Services Agency (LUESA) Fee Ordinance

2) Close public hearing

Staff Contact: Don Ceccarelli, LUESA-Storm Water Services

Presentation: No

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:

By Interlocal Agreements, LUESA - Storm Water Services division provides Land Development services on behalf of the towns. The services may vary from Town to Town. Generally, the services are comprised of performing plan review, permitting and inspection services for land development activities, such as, erosion control, storm water, transportation, zoning, etc. The Land Development Services Interlocal Cooperation Agreements state that the County may charge fees to offset the costs incurred in providing the services on behalf of the Towns. On July 1, 2019, the Town of Huntersville started providing most of these services themselves.

In FY19, Storm Water Services developed a time/expense tracking system, 100% cost recovery hourly rate model and Land Development fee model to better align the revenue generated from fees with the services provided. The output from the system and FY25 models indicated that the fees being charged do not cover the expenses incurred by Storm Water Services.

The Towns and LUESA - Storm Water Services recommend revisions to the LUESA Fee Ordinance to achieve the following goals:

- County recover 100% of its costs and minimize subsidies, and
- Set fees to attain Land Development Reserves to fund pre-paid services

The proposed FY25 budget is based on the proposed fee adjustments as contained in the attached LUESA Fee Ordinance.

An informal Budget Committee consisting of the five Town Managers and the Storm Water Services Division Director exists. They have endorsed the above goals and proposed fee increases. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Advisory Committee also supported the above goals and the proposed increases associated with Floodplain Development Permit Fees.

Storm Water Services requests a public hearing in accordance with Interlocal Agreement(s) with the Towns in accordance with State law for considering such increases.

PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:

N/A

POLICY IMPACT:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A