



Legislation Text

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Title

Resolution Adopting the amendment of the County's Major System Component of the Storm Water Fee

Action

ACTION:

Adopt the Resolution Authorizing Amending the Major System Component of the County's Storm Water Fees

Staff Contact: Don Ceccarelli, Land Use and Environmental Services Agency (LUESA)

Presentation: No

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:

In 1994, the County implemented a Storm Water fee to fund the administration of storm water management programs to improve water quality, reduce flood losses and repair/maintain the storm drainage system.

By interlocal agreements among Mecklenburg County, the City of Charlotte, and the Towns, the storm water fee has three components. The purpose of this Board Action is to is to adopt changes to the County's Major System component of the Storm Water fee. The City of Charlotte and the Town of Matthews are considering altering their components of the fee that is charged within their jurisdictions. Those requests will be addressed separately in the budget process.

Major System Component (Countywide): The major system of the storm water system is defined as large creeks and rivers (examples: Little Sugar Creek, McDowell Creek, West Branch Rocky River, Catawba River, etc.) that drain more than 1 square mile and is the responsibility of the County throughout the County. The additional revenue will be used to expand County Storm Water's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) consistent with the Environmental Leadership Action Plan (ELAP).

The fees for the Major System Component are as follows:

Tier I: \$1.12 to 1.21, per month

Tier II: \$1.71 to 1.84, per month

Tier III: \$2.60 to 2.81, per month

Tier IV: \$4.84 to 5.23, per month
Commercial: \$29.93 to 32.32, per acre of impervious acre

Public Hearings: The Board of County Commissioners held a Public Hearing on May 23, 2024, in accordance with the Storm Water Management Interlocal Agreement and State law for considering such increases. The public hearing provided interested parties an opportunity to comment to the Board of County Commissioners on the proposed changes.

On March 21, 2024, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Advisory Committee unanimously endorsed the County's FY2025 Operating and Capital budgets (including the above fee increases) and forwarded its recommendations to the County Manager and the Board of County Commissioners.

PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:

N/A

POLICY IMPACT:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

FY 25: \$1,835,628 increase in Major System revenue.