



Legislation Text

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Title

Public Hearing: Amend Minor System Fees for the City of Charlotte

Action

ACTION:

1) Open public hearing for comments on proposed amendments to the Minor System components of Storm Water fees.

2) Close public hearing.

Staff Contact: Don Ceccarelli-Storm Water Services

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 and or maintain the storm drainage system.

Minor System Component for municipal jurisdictions: By Interlocal Agreement, the minor system of the storm water system is defined as ditches, swales, pipes, etc. that drain less than 1 square mile and is the responsibility of the City inside the City limits and each Town inside the town limits. The revenue generated from the minor system component of the storm water fee charged within each municipal jurisdiction is returned to that jurisdiction to fund their storm water management programs.

To address the substantial increase in unfunded projects and citizen's requests, projects in the right-of-way and aging infrastructure, the City of Charlotte is proposing a change to the minor system component of the Storm Water fee.

The changes that have been approved or still under consideration are as follows:

City of Charlotte (under consideration):

Tier I: \$6.56 to 6.88, per month

Tier II: \$9.68 to 10.15, per month
Tier III: \$14.30 to 15.00, per month
Tier IV: \$23.65 to 24.81, per month
Commercial: \$170.71 to \$179.07, per acre of impervious acre

Public Hearing Request: As part of their budgeting processes, the City of Charlotte has already approved or are considering changes to their minor system rates. The County's public hearing will provide interested parties an opportunity to comment to the Board of County Commissioners on changes to the minor system components of the Storm Water fee for those properties located in the City of Charlotte. The City of Charlotte has or will conduct their own public hearing prior to altering their minor system component of the storm water fee.

MCSWS requests a public hearing be conducted in accordance with the Storm Water Management Interlocal Agreement and State law for considering such increases. The public hearing will provide interested parties an opportunity to comment to the Board of County Commissioners on the proposed changes.

The Board of County Commissioners should not take any action in the adoption of the City's minor system fees until requested or informed otherwise by the City of Charlotte.

On March 21, 2024, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Advisory Committee (SWAC) voted on the City's FY25 Operating and Capital budgets, which included a request for a fee increase, and forwarded its recommendations to the City Manager and City Council.

PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:

N/A

POLICY IMPACT:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

None, revenue generated from any fee increases will be returned to the municipal jurisdiction.