

# Mecklenburg County

# **Legislation Text**

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## **Title**

Resolution Adopting the amendment of the City of Charlotte's Minor System Component of the Storm Water Fee

# Action

**ACTION:** 

Adopt the RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDING MINOR SYSTEM FEES FOR THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE

**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 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 rightor 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 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

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Commercial: \$170.71 to \$179.07, per acre of impervious acre

<u>Public Hearing</u>: As part of their budgeting process, the City has already held a Public Hearing for interested parties to comment on changes to their minor system rates. 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 (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.