

ORDINANCE O-19 -15

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 9, CHAPTER 6
OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES
(Methodology for Billing Stormwater Charges for Duplexes)

Recommended by the Board of Public Works.

The Common Council of the City of Menasha does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1: Amend Title 9, Chapter 6, SEC. 9-6-9(2) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Menasha, Wisconsin as follows:

Title 9 – Public Utilities

Chapter 6

Municipal Stormwater Utility

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9-6-9 CHARGE FORMULAS

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- (2) Residential, Duplex (Two-Family). The charges imposed for residential properties comprised of two attached living units, either side-by-side or one lower level unit and one upper level unit shall be the fee of one .75 ERU per living unit existing on the property, i.e.

Duplex (Two-Family) parcel charge = ~~1.0~~ .75 ERU fee x number of dwelling units

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SECTION 2: This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication as provided by law.

Passed and approved this _____ day of October, 2015.

Donald Merkes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah A. Galeazzi, City Clerk



TO: Common Council
FROM: Donald Merkes, Mayor
DATE: 1 October 2015

RE: Stormwater Utility Billing Methodology and Fee Changes

The stormwater utility was created in 2008 to undertake projects that manage the community's storm water runoff in both quantity and quality. Since the fund's inception the methodology of calculating the fee has remained unchanged using an average amount of impervious area to set the fee for single family and attached homes. The fee has remained unchanged since 2010 at \$75 even with the rising cost of providing the service.

The methodology to calculate the fee for single family and attached residential properties has not changed since inception. Changes to the methodology would only shift responsibility for the costs to different properties, mainly single family residential properties, not increase revenues. I do not recommend changes to the methodology.

As reports previously provided to the Common Council show, the storm water fund is not meeting expenses at its current revenues and a fee increase is required to continue current operations. A \$1 increase to the fee is recommended.

Approving Resolution R-25-15 will provide funding for the utility without shifting costs to single family homeowners and businesses.

Stormwater Revenue/ERU/Rate Comparison
Change in Methodology - Duplexes
9/30/2015

| 2015 Rate Increase | Current Stormwater Methodology - Billing Duplexes (Duplex 1.0 ERU / Unit) | Stormwater Methodology Approved by BPW - 9/21/15 - Billing Duplexes (Duplex .75 ERU / Unit) | Change in ERU Rate |
|------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------|
| ERU's | 14,920 | 14,675 | |
| Rate Increase Per ERU - 2015 | \$87.00 | \$88.44 | \$1.44 |
| Annualized Revenue Amount | \$1,298,040.00 | \$1,298,040.00 | |

| 2016 Rate Increase | Current Stormwater Methodology - Billing Duplexes (Duplex 1.0 ERU / Unit) | Stormwater Methodology Approved by BPW - 9/21/15 - Billing Duplexes (Duplex .75 ERU / Unit) | Change in ERU Rate |
|------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------|
| ERU's | 14,920 | 14,675 | |
| Rate Increase Per ERU - 2015 | \$99.00 | \$100.68 | \$1.68 |
| Annualized Revenue Amount | \$1,477,080.00 | \$1,477,080.00 | |