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.

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Donald Merkes, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Deborah A. Galeazzi, City Clerk

City of Menasha • Office of the Mayor
Donald Merkes, Mayor
dmerkes@ci.menasha.wi.us

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.

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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	

Stormwater Revenue/ERU/Rate Comparison
Change in Methodology - Duplexes
10/15/2015

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)	Stormwater Methodology - Alternative # 3 - Proposed on 10/5/15 - Billing Duplexes (Duplex .50 ERU / Unit)	Change in ERU Rate (Duplex .75 ERU / Unit)	Change in ERU Rate (Duplex .50 ERU / Unit)
ERU's	14,920.00	14,675.00	14,430.00		
Rate Increase Per ERU - 2015	$87.00	$88.44	$90.00	$1.44	$3.00
Annualized Revenue Amount	$1,298,040.00	$1,298,040.00	$1,298,040.00		
Calculated Revenue Amount	$1,298,040.00	$1,297,893.25	$1,298,761.50		
Check - adjustment to make divisible by 12	$0.00	($146.75)	$721.50		

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)	Stormwater Methodology - Alternative # 3 - Proposed on 10/5/15 - Billing Duplexes (Duplex .50 ERU / Unit)	Change in ERU Rate (Duplex .75 ERU / Unit)	Change in ERU Rate (Duplex .50 ERU / Unit)
ERU's	14,920.00	14,675.00	14,430.00		
Rate Increase Per ERU - 2015	$99.00	$100.68	$102.36	$1.68	$3.36
Annualized Revenue Amount	$1,477,080.00	$1,477,080.00	$1,477,080.00		
Calculated Revenue Amount	$1,477,080.00	$1,477,520.25	$1,477,080.00		
Check - adjustment to make divisible by 12	$0.00	$440.25	$0.00		

City of Oshkosh
Residential Stormwater Utility Credit Policy

I. Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this Stormwater Utility Credit Policy is to encourage actions by residential property owners within the city that:

1) Reduce stormwater flows and volumes,
2) Reduce stormwater pollution and
3) Reduce the utility's costs in providing proper management of stormwater runoff.

As applied to this policy, the term 'property' or 'properties' will refer to single-family, two-family, and three-family residential parcels. All other properties are considered non-residential. (NOTE: a separate stormwater utility credit policy has been established for non-residential properties.) Credits to user fees will only be allowed when it can be demonstrated by the customer that an action as described in Section III of this policy has been taken by the customer and the action meets the guidelines specified in this policy document. This policy does not apply to stormwater management measures that are owned and/operated by the City of Oshkosh. Properties served by stormwater management facilities installed to meet state and/or local stormwater regulations are not eligible for credit from these facilities.

It also should be noted that there are 3 rate categories for single family properties as summarized below:

Tier	Impervious Area	ERU Rate
TR 1	Less then 1,750 sq. ft.	0.67 ERU
TR 2	1,750 – 3,750 sq. ft.	1.00 ERU
TR 3	Greater than 3,750 sq. ft.	1.33 ERU

II. Credit Structure

For the purpose of generating applicable credit rates, the municipal stormwater management services funded through the user fee are divided into two major categories. The credit eligible category is further divided into two sub-categories.

Category A (utility-wide services)	25%
Category B (credit eligible services)	
B1: activities that meet flow management criteria	50%
B2: activities that meet pollution reduction criteria	25%

Fees to support Category A programs are applied throughout the utility customer base and credits are not allowed for these components. These costs are required to run the City of Oshkosh's stormwater management program and these programs benefit all property owners within the City of Oshkosh.

Only the costs associated with Category B are eligible for a credit. These are costs associated with the utility's efforts to maintain the capacity of the stormwater conveyance system and implement and maintain pollution control practices.

The tasks included under each category, and the percent credit for each category under this policy may be revised based upon a re-analysis of the stormwater program budget and the percent distribution of costs by category. Modifications must be approved by Common Council

Storm Water Fee Schedule
2015

Beloit, WI

CATEGORY: Miscellaneous Fees

For questions or additional information: Phone: (608) 364-2888 E-Mail: mathosh@beloitwi.gov

Description	Amount	Unit
Single Family Unit - SFU is 3,347 sq. ft. of impervious surface	$3.00	monthly
Apartment Building or Condos - 3 or 4 units (.7 SFU)	$2.10	per unit/monthly
Apartment Building or Condos - 5 or more units (.5 SFU)	$1.50	per unit/monthly
All other type building - Calculated using SFU	$3.00	per SFU/monthly

The Consumer Confidence Report also known as the Water Quality Report, is available on the City website. To learn more about the City of Neenah's water quality, visit www.ci.neenah.wi.us/WaterQualityReport. To receive a hard copy, call 920-886-6180.

Water Rates effective Jan 1, 2011 Sewer Rates effective Mar 1, 2014

Storm Water Rates effective Jan 1, 2010

Volume Charges per Thousand Gallons		
Rate Steps	Water	Sewer
First 100	$ 5.81	$ 3.19
Next 900	$ 5.55	$ 3.19
Next 2,000	$ 5.35	$ 3.19
Over 3,000	$ 4.80	$ 3.19

Quarterly Base Meter Rates			
Meter Size	Water	Sewer	Exempt
5/8"	$ 21.00	$21.83	$26.19
1"	$ 33.00	$34.91	$41.89
1 ½"	$ 57.00	$61.10	$73.32
2"	$ 87.00	$91.66	$109.97
3"	$ 141.00	$148.38	$178.07
4"	$219.00		
6"	$360.00		

Private Fire Protection Rates	
Line Size	Quarterly
2"	$ 24.00
3"	$ 45.00
4"	$ 75.00
6"	$ 150.00
8"	$ 240.00
10"	$ 360.00
12"	$ 480.00
14"	$ 600.00

Public Fire Protection Rates	
Dwelling/Structure Square Footage	Quarterly
0 - 1,000	$ 8.40
1,001 - 1,500	$ 15.30
1,501 - 2,000	$ 21.20
2,001 - 3,000	$ 30.10
3,001 - 4,000	$ 43.00
4,001 - 6,000	$ 60.20
6,001 - 10,000	$ 97.40
10,001 - 15,000	$ 151.80
15,001 - 25,000	$ 243.50
25,001 - 45,000	$ 425.40
45,001 - 75,000	$ 729.10
75,001 - 130,000	$1,244.80
130,001 - 225,000	$2,156.10
225,001 - 400,000	$3,795.10
Over 400,000	$7,592.00

Quarterly Storm Water Rates 1 Equivalent Run-off Unit (ERU) = 3,138 impervious square feet		
Impervious Square Footage	ERU	Residential
Less than 1,700	0.5	$10.50
1,700 to 4,600	1.0	$21.00
More than 4,600	2.0	$42.00
Non-Residential Customers will be billed a minimum of 1 ERU or the actual number of ERU's at $21.00 per ERU.		

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Utility Payments cannot be accepted over the phone

Neenah Utilities payment options:

- Cash
- Check, money order or cashier's check
- ACH withdrawal from a Checking or Savings Account

**A $35.00 return check fee will be assessed on a returned check.

City of Madison

STORM SEWER & SEWER: STORM WATER UTILITY

WHAT IS THE STORM WATER UTILITY?
The Storm Water Utility is a public utility organized as a separate enterprise in the same fashion as the City's Water Utility, Sewer Utility, or Parking Utility. Assets owned by the utility include storm sewers, greenways, detention basins, and equipment used for managing the storm drainage system. The Utility is given the responsibility to provide for the public needs in the area of storm water management and comply with Federal and State laws. The Utility charges fees for operations and maintenance of facilities and for Capital Improvements. The Utility works to solve current drainage problems, prevent future problems, as well as repair, maintain, and enhance those facilities already constructed.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST AND WHO PAYS THE UTILITY?
Revenues generated by the Utility shall come from ALL parcels within the City of Madison. Prior to the formation of the Utility, stormwater management was paid for entirely by the parcels that paid property taxes. The utility charge per parcel is calculated adding (3) components (2015 rates):

1. A customer charge of $1.30 per month;
2. An impervious area charge of $.0022167 per square foot per month;
3. A pervious area charge of $.0001583 per square foot per month.

Pervious areas such as lawns generally absorb water. Impervious areas such as pavements and rooftops generally cause water to run off. All three billing components are shown on your billing statement. City Engineering has estimated that the "typical" Madison homeowner will pay $7.36 per month ($88.34 annually).

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION OR DISCUSS MY BILL?

- You may contact the office of the City Engineer at (608) 266-4751, any business day between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., for additional information on the Storm Water Utility, or to discuss specifics of your billing.
- You can also initiate discussion via e-mail to **engineer@cityofmadison.com**.

DOES THE CITY OFFER ANY STORM WATER UTILITY CREDITS?

Rate Adjustment Policy for the Storm Water Utility **(pdf)**

See **Madison General Ordinances**, access **Chapter 37** for more information.