



# REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

---

**Title:** A Resolution Setting Rates for Stormwater Drainage Utility Services

**Preferred Agenda:** September 26, 2023, 2023

**Submitted By:** Matt Brown, Finance Director

**Reviewed By:** Kelcey Young, City Manager

**Type of Action:** Resolution  X  Motion      Roll Call      Other    

**Relevant Code/Policy:** Updating City Storm Utility Fees

**Towards Council Goal:** Infrastructure, efficient government, rejuvenate essential services, and economic strength.

**Attachments:** Resolution No. 26 for 2023: A Resolution Setting Rates for Stormwater Drainage Utility Services

---

## **Purpose of this RCA:**

The purpose of this RCA is to request Council authorization for the Mayor to sign Resolution No. 26 for 2023 setting rates for stormwater drainage utility services.

## **Background/Context:**

The City of Sweet Home staff and Council have been reviewing utility rates over the past couple of months and reviewing different scenarios based on current economic known factors and forecasted unknown factors.

## **The Challenge/Problem:**

With rising costs and large capital projects on the horizon, the storm utility service must remain with an appropriate balance of revenue to satisfy the ongoing requirements.

## **Stakeholders:**

- Sweet Home Residents – Residents of Sweet Home will be impacted by these rate adjustments if approved as recommended.
- Sweet Home Employers – Commercial businesses will be impacted by these rate adjustments if approved as recommended.
- Sweet Home City Council – There is no direct impact to City Council
- Sweet Home City Staff – There is no direct impact to City Staff

## **Issues and Financial Impacts:**

With rising costs and capital projects on the horizon, the storm utility service must remain with an appropriate balance of revenue to satisfy the ongoing requirements and maintain a policy driven appropriate fund balance.

**Elements of a Stable Solution:**

Moderate increases on a regular yearly basis will help in continuing to maintain a health fund balance. Rate adjustments in future years will be mainly based the capital improvement plan from Public Works related to storm projects and ongoing operational costs.

**Options:**

1. Do Nothing – Authorize no Stormwater Drainage Utility Serves fee increase.
2. Adopt Resolution No. 28 for 2023 as currently proposed – Adoption of the resolution authorizes staff to raise storm utility services as recommended.
3. Adopt Resolution No. 28 for 2023 with Changes – Adoption of the resolution with specified changes would authorize staff to adjust storm utility rates with adjusted changes.
4. Direct Staff to research other options – Direct staff to research other ways to not impact the storm utility fee.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends option 2: Adopt Resolution No. 26 for 2023 as currently proposed – Adoption of the resolution authorizes staff to raise sewer utility rate services.