

**ORDINANCE TO  
AMEND SECTION 453-6(B) OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN GENERAL  
ORDINANCES**

**SPONSOR: MAYOR STOCKS  
FROM: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the City of Watertown Stormwater Utility rates were last updated in 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the City retained Ruekert & Mielke, Inc. to review the current rates and evaluate the financial health of the utility; and

WHEREAS, Ruekert & Mielke, Inc., after presenting three initial rate alternatives and receiving questions and direction from the Public Works Commission, refined those alternatives and presented three revised options, with Revised Alternative 2 recommended by both staff and the consultant as the most appropriate to maintain the utility's financial stability; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Commission and the Finance Committee have reviewed and approved the recommended rate adjustment, which supports the ongoing operations and planned capital projects of the Stormwater Utility.

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 453-6(B) Acquisition of facilities; rates and charges is hereby amended as follows.

§ 453-6. Acquisition of facilities; rates and charges.

B. Rates and charges. Rates and charges for the City of Watertown Stormwater Management Utility are as follows:

- (1) ERU definition. One volume equivalent runoff unit (ERU) shall be equal to 2,900 square feet of impervious surface area. The number of ERUs assigned to each parcel shall be rounded to the nearest 0.50 ERU.

Service Charge Rates			
Customer Class	Monthly Administrative Charge per Customer	Monthly Volume Charge per ERU	Monthly Pollutant Charge per ERU
Single-family, condominium and duplex residential	<del>\$2.13</del> \$2.11	<del>\$5.61</del> \$6.49	<del>\$4.78</del> \$4.88
<del>Public authority</del>	<del>\$2.13</del>	<del>\$5.61</del>	<del>\$2.64</del>
Multifamily residential	<del>\$2.13</del> \$2.11	<del>\$5.61</del> \$6.49	<del>\$3.63</del> \$3.71
Commercial	<del>\$2.13</del> \$2.11	<del>\$5.61</del> \$6.49	<del>\$5.14</del> \$5.26
Industrial	<del>\$2.13</del> \$2.11	<del>\$5.61</del> \$6.49	<del>\$4.24</del> \$4.33
Institutional & Public Authority	<del>\$2.13</del> \$2.11	<del>\$5.61</del> \$6.49	<del>\$2.64</del> \$2.69

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force on January 1, 2026.

DATE:	November 18, 2025		December 2, 2025	
READING:	1ST		2ND	
	YES	NO	YES	NO
DAVIS				
LAMPE				
BERG				
BARTZ				
BLANKE				
SMITH				
ARNETT				
WETZEL				
MOLDENHAUER				
MAYOR STOCKS				
TOTAL				

ADOPTED December 2, 2025

CITY CLERK

APPROVED December 2, 2025

MAYOR