ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 453-6B(1), RATES AND CHARGES, SECTION 453-7, MANAGEMENT OF UTILITY, AND SECTIONS 453-8B(2)(b) AND 453-8B(2)(d), STORMWATER SERVICE CHARGES OF ARTICLE I STORMWATER MANAGEMENT UTILITY OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN GENERAL ORDINANCES

SPONSOR: ALDERPERSON ARNETT
FROM: PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

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

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

§ 453-6B(1) 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~~	~~$2.11~~	~~$6.49~~	~~$4.88~~
~~Multifamily residential~~	~~$2.11~~	~~$6.49~~	~~$3.71~~
~~Commercial~~	~~$2.11~~	~~$6.49~~	~~$5.26~~
~~Industrial~~	~~$2.11~~	~~$6.49~~	~~$4.33~~
~~Institutional and public authority~~	~~$2.11~~	~~$6.49~~	~~$2.69~~

The Common Council shall, by resolution and, set or adjust the service charge and ERU fee to reflect the costs of the City of Watertown Stormwater Management Utility. Stormwater fees will be kept on file with the City Clerk and copies kept in the offices of the Engineering Division.

SECTION 2. §453-7 Management of Utility is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 453-7 Management of Utility.
A. Oversight by common council. The oversight of the Utility is hereby vested in the Common Council. The Council shall direct and delegate the management and operation of the Utility to City

staff and shall prescribe the functions thereof as may be necessary to operate and manage the Utility.

B. Public works commission. The Public Works Commission, appointed in accordance with Chapter 136, Article I, of the City of Watertown Municipal Code, shall make recommendations to the Common Council concerning the operation of the Utility and service charge rates and expenditures.

C. Finance committee. The Finance Committee of the Council, in consultation with the Public Works Commission, shall make recommendations to the Council concerning the Utility budget.~~, service charge rates and expenditures.~~

SECTION 3. §453-8B(2)(b) Determination of ERUs is hereby amended to read as follows:

§453-8B(2)(b) Condominium residential. The Public Works Director/City Engineer shall be responsible for determining the total impervious area of each condominium parcel based on the best available information, including but not limited to data supplied by the City Assessor, Building Inspector or Zoning Administrator; aerial photography; the property owner, tenant or developer; or actual on-site measurement. The total impervious area of the parcel shall be divided equally among the condominium units to determine the square feet of impervious area per unit. This amount shall be divided by the number of square feet per ERU as established by the Common Council and set forth in the Stormwater Service Charge Rate Table ~~in § 453-6B(1)~~ kept by the City Clerk, and copies kept in the offices of the Engineering Division to determine the number of ERUs to assign to each unit, except that in no case shall a condominium unit be assigned less than 0.5 ERU. The number of ERUs per unit shall be rounded to the nearest 0.5 ERU.

SECTION 4. §453-8B(2)(d) Determination of ERUs is hereby amended to read as follows:

§453-8B(2)(d) Industrial, commercial, public authority, ~~and,~~ institutional and parks and cemeteries property. The Public Works Director/City Engineer shall be responsible for determining the impervious area of each nonresidential parcel based on the best available information, including but not limited to data supplied by the City Assessor, Building Inspector or Zoning Administrator; aerial photography; the property owner, tenant or developer; or actual on-site measurement. The total impervious area of the parcel shall be divided by the number of square feet per ERU as established by the Common Council and set forth in a Stormwater Service Charge Rate Table ~~in § 453-6B(1)~~ kept by the City Clerk, and copies kept in the offices of the Engineering Division to determine the number of ERUs to assign to the parcel. The number of ERUs per parcel shall be rounded to the nearest 0.5 ERU.

SECTION 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force the day after its passage and publication.

DATE:	*Nov. 2, 2026*		*Nov. 17, 2026*	
READING:	*1ST*		*2ND*	
	YES	*NO*	*YES*	*NO*
DAVIS				
LAMPE				
BERG				
NITECKI				
BLANKE				
SMITH				
ARNETT				
HAASE				
MOLDENHAUER				
MAYOR STOCKS				
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ADOPTED November 17, 2026

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CITY CLERK

APPROVED November 17, 2026

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MAYOR