DRAFT RESOLUTION TO
ESTABLISH STORMWATER UTILITY SERVICE CHARGES AND RATES

SPONSOR: ALDERPERSON ARNETT
FROM: PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the City of Watertown operates a Stormwater Management Utility pursuant to Article I, Stormwater Management Utility, of Chapter 453 of the City of Watertown General Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the City engaged Ruekert & Mielke, Inc. to prepare a Stormwater Utility Rate Study in 2025 to evaluate the Stormwater Management Utility's revenue requirements and recommend appropriate service charges and rates; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Stormwater Utility Rate Study prepared by Ruekert & Mielke, Inc. was reviewed by the Public Works Commission and the Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Commission has recommended that the Common Council establish stormwater utility service charges and rates consistent with the recommendations under Alternative 2 as outlined in the 2025 Stormwater Utility Rate Study; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council finds that establishing the following service charges and rates is necessary to provide adequate revenues to operate, maintain and improve the City's Stormwater Management Utility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Watertown, Wisconsin, that the following Stormwater Management Utility service charges and rates are hereby established:

2027 Stormwater Management Utility Service Charges and Rates (9% increase from 2026)

Customer Class	Monthly Administrative Charge per Customer	Monthly Volume Charge per ERU	Monthly Pollutant Charge per ERU
Single-family, condominium and duplex residential	$2.30	$7.07	$5.32
Multifamily residential	$2.30	$7.07	$4.04
Commercial	$2.30	$7.07	$5.73
Industrial	$2.30	$7.07	$4.72
Institutional and public authority	$2.30	$7.07	$2.93
Parks and Open Spaces	$2.30	$7.07	$0.69

2028 Stormwater Management Utility Service Charges and Rates (9% increase from 2027)

Customer Class	Monthly Administrative Charge per Customer	Monthly Volume Charge per ERU	Monthly Pollutant Charge per ERU
Single-family, condominium and duplex residential	$2.51	$7.71	$5.80
Multifamily residential	$2.51	$7.71	$4.40
Commercial	$2.51	$7.71	$6.25
Industrial	$2.51	$7.71	$5.14
Institutional and public authority	$2.51	$7.71	$3.19
Parks and Open Spaces	$2.51	$7.71	$0.75

2029 Stormwater Management Utility Service Charges and Rates (9% increase from 2028)

Customer Class	Monthly Administrative Charge per Customer	Monthly Volume Charge per ERU	Monthly Pollutant Charge per ERU
Single-family, condominium and duplex residential	$2.74	$8.40	$6.32
Multifamily residential	$2.74	$8.40	$4.80
Commercial	$2.74	$8.40	$6.81
Industrial	$2.74	$8.40	$5.60
Institutional and public authority	$2.74	$8.40	$3.48
Parks and Open Spaces	$2.74	$8.40	$0.82

2030 Stormwater Management Utility Service Charges and Rates (5% increase from 2030)

Customer Class	Monthly Administrative Charge per Customer	Monthly Volume Charge per ERU	Monthly Pollutant Charge per ERU
Single-family, condominium and duplex residential	$2.88	$8.82	$6.64
Multifamily residential	$2.88	$8.82	$5.04
Commercial	$2.88	$8.82	$7.15
Industrial	$2.88	$8.82	$5.80
Institutional and public authority	$2.88	$8.82	$3.65
Parks and Open Spaces	$2.88	$8.82	$0.86

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the service charges and rates established by this resolution shall be effective **January 1, 2027**, and shall remain in effect until amended or replaced by subsequent action of the Common Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall maintain the applicable Stormwater Service Charge Rate Table, with copies maintained in the offices of the Engineering Division, as provided in § 453-6B(1) of the City of Watertown General Ordinances.

	YES	*NO*
DAVIS		
LAMPE		
BERG		
NITECKI		
BLANKE		
SMITH		
ARNETT		
HAASE		
MOLDENHAUER		
MAYOR STOCKS		
TOTAL		

ADOPTED November 17, 2026

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CITY CLERK

APPROVED November 17, 2026

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MAYOR