



Council Agenda Item

Meeting Date: September 2, 2025

Agenda Item: Storm Water Rate Study

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BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

The City established the Stormwater Utility on October 1, 2007, as outlined in Municipal Code [Chapter 16.10](#). According to Section 16.10.070, Rates and Charges, the value of one ERU (Equivalent Runoff Unit) is to be determined annually based on the applicable year's budget. However, the last rate adjustment occurred in 2015. Nevertheless, it is now evident that a significant rate increase is necessary to prevent future negative cash balances in the utility fund.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

2007 – Stormwater utility created, rates set at \$3.58 per ERU

2011 – Rates increased to \$4.08 per ERU

2013 – Rates increased to \$4.75 per ERU

2014 – Rates increased to \$5.58 per ERU

2015 – Rates increased to \$6.17 per ERU

1/21/2025 – Common Council approved engaging Ehler's to complete a rate analysis

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends implementing Ehler's proposed rate increases effective January 1, 2026.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)