



**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** September 6, 2017

**TITLE:** Ordinance Amending Stormwater Management Rates

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve an ordinance amending Section 28-197 of the City’s Code of Ordinances to increase the stormwater management rates to a monthly rate of \$10.00 per unit for residential units, \$100.80 per acre for Commercial, Industrial and Residential Units (greater than 3 units) and \$31.95 per acre for Vacant Land, Parks and Well Fields.

**Background**

Due to its unique geography, varied infrastructure conditions and the need for an increased level of service due to sea level rise and increased storm events, the City has identified significant investment needs in its stormwater infrastructure.

The City’s FY 2018 Budget includes a monthly stormwater management rate of \$10.00 for residential properties with three units or less, which is an increase of \$2.00 from the FY 2017 rates. The rate for Commercial, Industrial, and Residential properties with more than 3 units is \$100.80 per acre which is an increase of \$20.16 from FY 2017 rates and the rate included for vacant land, parks, and well fields is \$31.95 per acre which is an increase of \$6.39 from FY 2017 rates. A rate comparison is provided below:

**Stormwater Fee  
 Effect of Monthly Increase on Neighbors**

Stormwater Charge	Old Rate	Proposed Rate	\$ Change
Residential <= 3 Units	\$8.00/unit	\$10.00/unit	\$2.00/unit
Commercial, Industrial, and Residential > 3 Units	\$80.64/acre	\$100.80/acre	\$20.16/acre
Vacant Land, Parks, and Well Fields	\$25.56/acre	\$31.95/acre	\$6.39/acre

### **Resource Impact**

There is no current fiscal year impact to the City. The increased stormwater fee rates will result in an estimated annual increase of \$2,900,000 with total projected revenues of \$14,409,000 for fiscal year 2018.

### **Strategic Connections**

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the **Internal Support Cylinder**, specifically advancing:

- Goal 12: Be a leading government organization, managing our resources wisely and sustainably.
- Objective 1: Ensure sound fiscal management

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Community*.

### **Related CAMs**

17-0720; 17-0721

### **Attachment**

Exhibit 1: Ordinance

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