



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**  
**City Commission Agenda Memo**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**

**#19-0752**

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

**FROM:** Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** September 3, 2019

**TITLE:** Ordinance Amending Stormwater Management Rates – **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve an Ordinance amending Section 28-197, Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, to increase the stormwater management rates to a monthly rate of \$14.00 per unit for residential units; \$141.12 per acre for commercial, industrial and residential units (greater than three units); and \$44.73 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 storm events, the City has identified significant investment needs in its stormwater infrastructure.

The City's Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Budget includes a monthly stormwater management rate of \$14.00 for residential properties with three units or less, which is an increase of \$2.00 from the FY 2019 rate of \$12.00. The rate for commercial, industrial, and residential properties with more than three units is \$141.12 per acre which is an increase of \$20.16 from the FY 2019 rate of \$120.96. The rate included for vacant land, parks, and well fields is \$44.73 per acre which is an increase of \$6.39 from the FY 2019 rate \$38.34. The following is comparison of the rates:

## Stormwater Fee

### Effect of Monthly Increase on Neighbors

Stormwater Charge	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	\$ Change
Residential <= 3 Units	\$12.00/unit	\$14.00/unit	\$2.00/unit
Commercial, Industrial, and Residential > 3 Units	\$120.96/acre	\$141.12/acre	\$20.16/acre
Vacant Land, Parks, and Well Fields	\$38.34/acre	\$44.73/acre	\$6.39/acre

### Resource Impact

The revenues collected from stormwater charges are estimated to generate approximately \$19 million in Fiscal Year 2020 to fund the City's Stormwater Management Program.

### 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

#19-0735; #19-0748

### Attachment

Exhibit 1- Ordinance

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