



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

#18-0796

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

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

DATE: September 12, 2018

TITLE: Ordinance Amending Stormwater Management Rates

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 \$12.00 per unit for residential units, \$120.96 per acre for commercial, industrial and residential units (greater than 3 units) and \$38.34 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 Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Budget includes a monthly stormwater management rate of \$12.00 for residential properties with three units or less, which is an increase of \$2.00 from the FY 2018 rates. The rate for commercial, industrial, and residential properties with more than 3 units is \$120.96 per acre which is an increase of \$20.16 from FY 2018 rates and the rate included for vacant land, parks, and well fields is \$38.34 per acre which is an increase of \$6.39 from FY 2018 rates. A stormwater rate study is underway. These rates will be in place until the new stormwater rates are approved. A rate comparison is provided. A rate comparison is provided below:

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

Stormwater Charge	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	\$ Change
Residential <= 3 Units	\$10.00/unit	\$12.00/unit	\$2.00/unit
Commercial, Industrial, and Residential > 3 Units	\$100.80/acre	\$120.96/acre	\$20.16/acre
Vacant Land, Parks, and Well Fields	\$31.95/acre	\$38.34/acre	\$6.39/acre

Resource Impact

There is no current year fiscal impact to the City. The revenues collected from stormwater charges are estimated to generate \$17.3 Million in FY 2019 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

#18-0788; 18-0791

Attachment

Exhibit 1 - Ordinance

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