

PROPOSED CHANGE TO HOW THE CITY CALCULATES STORM SEWER FEE

The City is considering a change to how the storm sewer utility fee is calculated. The current fee is based on total lot area, and with this proposal, the storm sewer fee will be based on the property's impervious area. **With this new model 90 percent of customers will see a reduction or no change in their bill beyond any annual rate increases.**

Switching to an impervious area model will help the City encourage the use of green infrastructure to manage stormwater and make the utility easier to understand and administer. This is an important shift for our City as we look to a future with more frequent high-intensity storms.

BENEFITS OF PROPOSED CHANGE

EQUITABLE

Eliminates non-residential and residential classifications and creates flat rate based on impervious area



ENCOURAGES GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

Allows individuals, businesses and industries to lower their annual fees by reducing the property's impervious area.



SIMPLIFY UTILITY FEES

Rates based each property's impervious area makes the fee easier to understand and administer



QUESTIONS

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EXAMPLE #1 .25 TOTAL ACRES .1 IMPERVIOUS

\$60.26	\$62.12
CURRENT	FY17
ANNUAL	ANNUAL
COST	COST

EXAMPLE #2 10 TOTAL ACRES 5 IMPERVIOUS

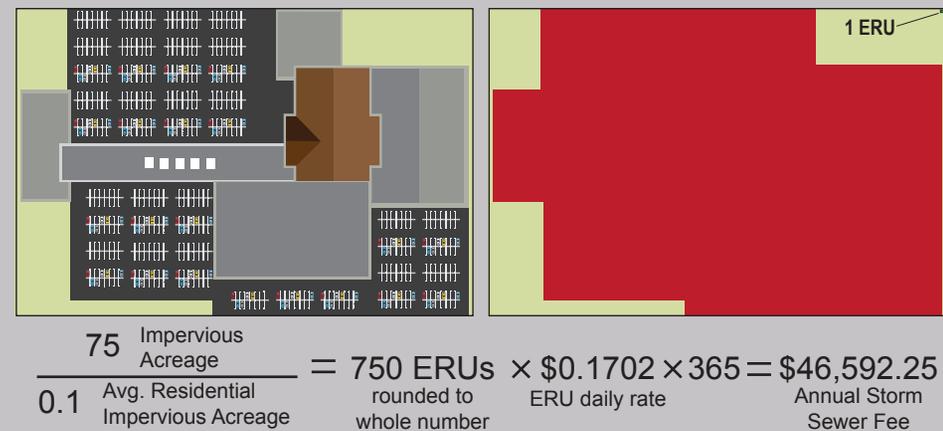
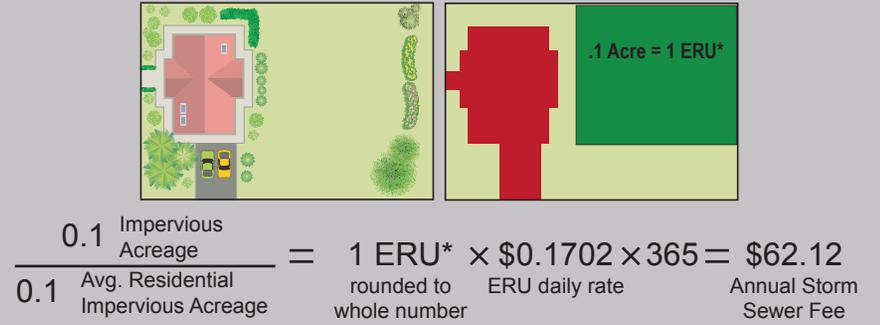
\$2,651.40	\$3,106.15
CURRENT	FY17
ANNUAL	ANNUAL
COST	COST

EXAMPLE #3 100 TOTAL ACRES 75 IMPERVIOUS

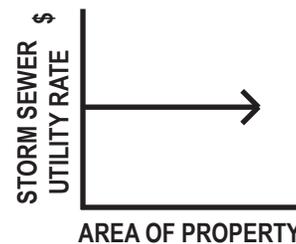
\$3,133.20	\$46,592.25
CURRENT	FY17
ANNUAL	ANNUAL
COST	COST

*ERU = Equivalent Residential Unit is the average impervious area of a residential lot in Cedar Rapids and is equal to a tenth of an acre or 4,356 square feet.

HOW WILL MY STORM SEWER FEE BE CALCULATED



CURRENT RATE STRUCTURE VS. PROPOSED RATE STRUCTURE



The current storm sewer rate effectively decreases as the size of a lot increases. The proposed system will maintain a flat rate regardless of the property's size by charging \$0.17 per ERU per day.