

## CHAPTER 103

# STORMWATER MANAGEMENT UTILITY

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**103.01 DEFINITIONS.** The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

1. “Equivalent residential unit” or “ERU” means the average impervious area of a residential developed property per dwelling unit located within the City as periodically determined and established as provided in this chapter, which has been determined by the City to be 3,500 square feet of impervious surface area.
2. “Residences” means all residential properties, excluding apartment buildings, which will be treated as commercial properties.
3. “Stormwater drainage system” means the system of publicly or privately owned or operated rivers, creeks, ditches, drainage channels, pipes, basins, street gutters, and lakes within the City through which or into which stormwater runoff, surface water, or subsurface water is conveyed or deposited.
4. “Stormwater management utility” or “utility” means the enterprise fund utility created by this chapter to operate, maintain, and improve the system for such other purposes as stated in this chapter.
5. “User” means any person owning, operating, or otherwise responsible for property within the City which directly or indirectly discharges stormwater or surface or subsurface waters to any portion of the stormwater management system, including direct or indirect discharges to the City’s stormwater drainage system, or which is directly or indirectly protected by the City’s flood protection stormwater or surface or subsurface waters to the City’s stormwater drainage system.

**103.02 STORMWATER SERVICE CHARGES REQUIRED.** Every customer whose premises is served by a connection with the stormwater management system and facilities of the City, either directly or indirectly, shall pay to the City stormwater service charges hereinafter established and specific for the purpose of contributing towards the cost of construction, maintenance, and operation of the stormwater management system and facilities.

**103.03 BASIC RATE.** Each customer whose property lies within the corporate limits of the City shall pay to the City, as a part of the customers combined service account with the City at the same time payment for other City utilities are made, the following charges per ERU associated with the customer’s property:

1. Residential. A storm sewer availability charge will be charged at \$3.00 per month.
2. Commercial/Industrial. A storm sewer availability charge will be charged at \$3.00 per ERU per month up to a maximum of 65 ERUs.

**103.04 COLLECTION OF FEES.** Bills for the collection of stormwater service charges shall be included on the monthly utility bill. The fee shall be due at the same time as water and sewer. Payment shall be made to the City Clerk, and all bills shall become delinquent following the same schedule as water and sewer.

**103.05 DISCONTINUING SERVICE AND FEES.** Any resident who fails to remit the total amount of the charges set out in the utility bill, including the fees for stormwater service charges shall be sent a notice. In the event payment is not received as outlined in said notice, the City shall have the right to discontinue services to the resident including the collection of recyclables, solid waste, and deliverance of water and, pursuant to Section 92.08, provisions relating to lien notices shall also apply in the event of a delinquent account.

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