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PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THE SOUTH BEND, INDIANA,
AMENDING CHAPTER 17, ARTICLE 14, SECTION 17-128 TO UPDATE
THE MONTHLY STORMWATER USER FEES



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CITY OF SOUTH BEND

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

November 7, 2023

Ms. Sharon McBride
President, South Bend Common Council
4th Floor, County-City Building
South Bend, IN 46601

Re: Ordinance amending Chapter 17, Article 14 of the South Bend Municipal Code to revise storm water rates for non-residential customers

Dear President McBride:

Attached is a bill for consideration by the South Bend Common Council addressing changes to the monthly storm water user fee for non-residential customers.

Chapter 17, Article 14, of the South Bend Municipal Code was amended in 2021 to establish a hybrid rate system with residential customers continuing to be charged a flat fee while non-residential customers having a multi-tiered impervious-based stormwater rate. This was done to better align the cost of service for parcels generating larger amounts of runoff. Due to challenges in implementing an impervious-based rate into the current billing and customer account management software, the proposed amendments are meant to implement a simplified rate structure for non-residential customers. This will give the City more time to develop the multi-tiered approach that is deemed overall fair and equitable to everyone within a user class.

The proposed amendment will implement the rate for Non-Residential Tier 1 customers to all other tiers in 2024 and 2025.

I will present the ordinance changes to Council at its upcoming meeting. As always, thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jitin Kain
Deputy Director

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, AMENDING CHAPTER 17, ARTICLE 14, SECTION 17-128 TO UPDATE THE MONTHLY STORM WATER USER FEES

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND INTENT

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The proposed amendment will implement the rate for Non-Residential Tier 1 customers to all other tiers in 2024 and 2025.

This ordinance is necessary for the effective, efficient operation of the City's storm water utility. This ordinance is in the best interest of the City and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA as follows:

SECTION I. Chapter 17, Article 14, Section 17-128 shall be amended as follows:

(d)	Monthly Rates			
	2022	2023	2024	2025
Residential	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.25	\$2.50
Non-Residential Tier 1	\$5.00	\$6.00 <u>\$5.00</u>	\$7.00	\$8.00
Non-Residential Tier 2	\$8.00	\$10.00	\$12.00 <u>\$7.00</u>	\$14.00 <u>\$8.00</u>
Non-Residential Tier 3	\$10.00	\$14.00	\$18.00 <u>\$7.00</u>	\$22.00 <u>\$8.00</u>
Non-Residential Tier 4	\$16.00	\$22.00	\$28.00 <u>\$7.00</u>	\$34.00 <u>\$8.00</u>
Non-Residential Tier 5	\$20.00	\$35.00	\$50.00 <u>\$7.00</u>	\$65.00 <u>\$8.00</u>

SECTION II. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after adoption by the Common Council, approval by the Mayor, and any publication required by law, with an effective date of _____, 2023

Sharon McBride, President,
South Bend Common Council

ATTEST:

Dawn M. Jones, City Clerk

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of South Bend, Indiana on the _____ day of _____, 2023, at _____ o'clock ____m.

Dawn M. Jones, City Clerk

Approved and signed by me on the _____ day of _____, 2023, at _____ o'clock ____m.

James Mueller, Mayor,
City of South Bend, Indiana

