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Re: Mason City Stormwater Management Policy

Dear Commercial and Industrial Customers:

The City of Mason City has recently amended by Ordinance, Title 6, Chapter 3 of the City Code “Storm Sewer”, Section 1 “Definitions” and by repealing Article A “Stormwater Utility Policy” and adopting a new Article A in lieu thereof.

The newly adopted Article A establishes new storm sewer rates and fees for commercial and industrial properties based on an Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU). The new user fee is calculated based on units of impervious surface area multiplied by the current rate per unit.

Example: One ERU has been established as 4,500 square feet and the rate per ERU for FY 25 is \$2.92. Therefore, a commercial property with 23,000 square feet would pay based on 6 ERUs ($23,000/4,500=5.11$, round to 6) Their gross charge would be ($6*\$2.92$) or \$17.52/month. A major industry with 472,000 square feet of impervious surface would pay based on 105 ERUs amounting to a gross monthly bill of \$306.60.

The amended Stormwater Utility Policy does include provisions for commercial and industrial property owners by which they may appeal for an adjustment to the calculated fee charged by filing a Stormwater Management Utility Fee Reduction Credit Application.

A fillable pdf form of the application can be found on the city’s website at www.masoncity.net/stormwater along with the following supporting documents; Ordinance 24-10 Revising Stormwater Fee Structure; Non-residential Stormwater Credit Policy; and Calculated Fees by Parcel. A fee credit of up to 40% is available depending on the number of and type of best management practices (BPMs) being utilized on the property. (See Table 1 in the application document).

The new stormwater fee for commercial and industrial customers will be implemented beginning January 1, 2025. Applications for fee credits are due on or before December 2, 2024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark A. Rahm".

Mark A. Rahm, P.E.
City Engineer