

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM

ITEM TITLE: Consider and take action on the approval of a resolution establishing stormwater utility user service charge rates for the City of Bixby.

INITIATOR: City Manager Doug Enevoldsen and City Attorney Patrick Boulden

STAFF SOURCE: City Manager Doug Enevoldsen

BACKGROUND: In 1987, the City Council found that uncontrolled stormwater runoff from developed land adversely affects the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the City because impervious surfaces increase the quantity and velocity of surface runoff, reduce the absorption of water into the soil and increase erosion and flooding. The Council also found that the improper collection and conveyance of stormwater adversely affects property and increases the incidence and severity of flooding, which endangers life and property. As such, it implemented a stormwater utility user service charge to provide for the City's management of stormwater runoff.

Effective March 10, 1987, the City's stormwater utility user service charge rate was established at \$2.00 per Equivalent Service Unit (two-thousand six-hundred fifty (2,650) square feet of impervious surface). Since the original service charge was established more than twenty-five (25) years ago, that rate has not been increased. This resolution proposes to adjust the service charge assessed in light of the fact that economic inflation has decreased the City's purchasing power and its ability to meet stormwater management objectives. As submitted, effective July 1, 2012, this resolution increases the monthly service charge for stormwater management services provided to residential properties to \$4.00 and continues the assignment one Equivalent Service Unit (ESU) per single-family dwelling, consistent with Title 8, Bixby City Code, Section 8-6C-5.B. For non-residential lots, parcels and tracts of land, Exhibit "A", provides how those rates shall be adjusted annually through June 30, 2017.

EXHIBITS: See the attached Resolution.

KEY ISSUE: Whether the City Council should approve this Resolution.

COUNCIL ACTION: Approval or rejection of this Resolution.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval of this Resolution.

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