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Legislation Text

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Background: This ordinance authorizes, effective January 1, 2010, an increase in Stormwater charges per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) from \$4.19 to \$4.57 per month. This equals a monthly increase of \$.38 and a yearly increase of \$4.56 for a residential customer.

The requested adjustment in rates result in a stormwater rate increase of 9%. When a water increase of 8.5% and a sanitary sewer increase of 2% are considered the overall impact on a typical residential customer in the City of Columbus is 4.89%.

This stormwater ERU charge is assessed based on each property's measured impervious surface area. Each ERU is based on 2,000 sq ft of impervious surface area. Residential customers are charged at one ERU per residence. All other customers are charged based on measured impervious area divided by 2,000 sq ft to determine an ERU equivalent.

The Sewer and Water Advisory Board met on September 23, 2009 and after reviewing the Department of Public Utilities projected expenditures for 2010, recommends to City Council an increase of 9% in stormwater rates.

Fiscal Impact: The proposed rate increase will raise 2009 Stormwater revenues by approximately \$ 2,814,000.

To amend Section 1149 of the Columbus City Codes, 1959, effective January 1, 2010, to increase Stormwater fees, and to repeal the existing Section being amended.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to increase the monthly Stormwater charges from \$4.19 per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) to \$4.57 per ERU to accurately match needed revenue to estimated program expenses; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That effective January 1, 2010, Section 1149.08(b) of the Columbus City Codes, 1959, be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

1149.08 Rate Structure

(b)The charge as prescribed in the rate schedule is as follows:

~~\$0.1377~~ **\$0.1502** per day per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU).

SECTION 2. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.