



## 2019 Storm Water Utility Fee Increase Effective March 31, 2019



### History

In 2012 the City of Hudson developed a stormwater utility fee to meet the requirements of the Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) MS4 General Permit #WI-S050181-1. This included the development of a stormwater management plan and pending implementation in 2015. From the stormwater management plan, City staff identified and prioritized maintenance needs for the storm water system to address compliance issues with the MS4 requirements. Based upon the identified needs, recommendations were made to Common Council to increase the fee from the original 7.50 per quarter up to 12.00 per quarter in 2019. Common Council approved the rate increase at the December 17, 2018 meeting.

### Why a Stormwater Utility Fee?

Since 2012, the City of Hudson (along with most cities with a population of 10,000 or more) has been responsible for an unfunded federal and state mandate to manage stormwater in ways that will protect and improve water quality. Before the adoption of Hudson's Stormwater Utility Fee in 2012, stormwater management activities were primarily paid for with General Fund Revenues, including property taxes, but this funding source was inadequate to fund newly mandated permit requirements. The Fee adopted in 2012 was created to provide an equitable and stable funding source for all stormwater management activities.

### Activities funded by the Stormwater Utility include:

- Construction of regional water quality and quantity control structures
- Inspection of construction sites for erosion and sediment control
- Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan for municipal operations (SWPPP)
- Detection and elimination of illegal discharges to the storm sewer system
- Routine pond and outfall inspections and maintenance
- Stormwater management planning
- Street sweeping
- Stormwater system mapping
- Stormwater televising
- Public education and public involvement activities
- Inspection, maintenance, and replacement of storm sewer lines and catch basins
- Record keeping and annual report preparation

### How is the fee Calculated?

1. A charge of \$12.00 per Residential Equivalency Unit (REU Charge) per quarter shall be imposed on each parcel or property in the City as follows:
  - a. 1 & 2 Family Dwellings shall be charged 1 REU.
  - b. Multiple family with more than two dwelling units shall be charged .5 REU per unit.

- c. Commercial, Institutional, Industrial parcels shall be charged in tiers based on the estimated square feet of impervious surface area on the parcel. For parcels with multiple units, each unit shall be charged its pro rata share (based on number of units) of the charge for the whole parcel but in no instance less than .5 REU per unit.
- i. Parcels with an impervious area less than or equal to 2,890 s.f. shall be charged 1 REU.
  - ii. Parcels with an impervious area from 2,891 to 11,560 s.f. shall be charged 2 REUs.
  - iii. Parcels with an impervious area from 11,561 to 23,120 s.f. shall be charged 5 REUs.
  - iv. Parcels with an impervious area from 23,121 to 43,350 s.f. shall be charged 10 REUs.
  - v. Parcels with an impervious area from 43,351 to 72,250 s.f. shall be charged 20 REUs.
  - vi. Parcels with an impervious area from 72,251 to 289,000 s.f. shall be charged 30 REUs.
  - vii. Parcels with an impervious area greater than 289,001 s.f. shall be charged 100 REUs.

**Other Notes:**

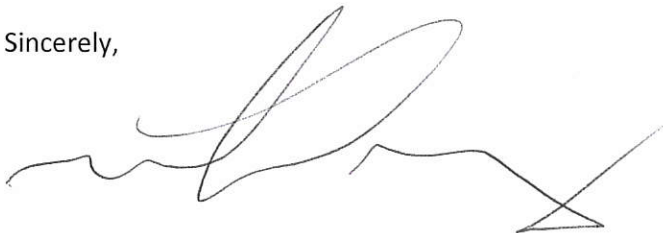
It is important to remember that everyone benefits from the City's stormwater management activities, whether or not each of us has a storm sewer connected directly to our property. As an example, everyone benefits from the storm sewer system constructed to serve the road network that we all use daily. The City's vast stormwater management system consists of both natural and constructed features located throughout the City; many of these features are not obvious. The City is required under its stormwater permit to manage the entire stormwater system to provide water quality protection for the benefit of the entire community, in addition to the traditional conveyance needs of individual property owners.

**Additional Info:**

For additional information, the following documents are available online at <http://www.ci.hudson.wi.us/>

- Stormwater Management Ordinance 240
- 2019 Stormwater Utility Resolution
- Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan
- Stormwater Management Plan
- Stormwater Quality Management – MS4 Pollutant Modeling

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Mroz', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael Mroz  
Director of Public Works and Parks