

WPWD Action Item #1 First Reading - Ordinance 07-23 Stormwater User Fee

This Ordinance is being presented for a First Reading.

This Stormwater User Fee Ordinance is being proposed to the Town Council to establish a Stormwater Division within the Town of Westfield's Public Works Department, under the jurisdiction of the Council for the purpose of implementing capital improvements, operation and maintenance activities, and public education and outreach to comply with federal and state requirements.

All improved properties located within the Town will be assessed the storm water utility fee. This includes properties that are and are not served by water and sanitary sewer service. All properties contribute stormwater drainage runoff whether they receive water and sanitary sewer service, thereby contributing to the community's drainage issues.

Monthly fees for Residential Properties located within the Public Works Service area that receive water service or sanitary sewer service only, are hereby established at a rate of Two Dollars and Seventy-five cents (\$2.75) per month for a 3/4 inch water meter opening or smaller and Four Dollars (\$4.00) per month for any water meter opening larger than 3/4 inch. Any Residential Properties located within the Public Works Service area that does not receive water or sanitary sewer services, will be billed at a monthly minimum rate of Two Dollars and Seventy-five cents (\$2.75), and will be billed bi-annually Sixteen Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$16.50). The bi-annual monthly billings will occur on June 1 and December 1 of the calendar year.

Monthly fees for Non-Residential Properties located within the Public Works Service area that receive water service or sanitary sewer service only, are hereby established at the rate of Five Dollars (\$5.00) per month for a 3/4 inch water meter opening or smaller and Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per month for any water meter opening larger than 3/4 inch with the exception of multi-unit residential users. Any Non-Residential Properties located within the Public Works Service area that does not receive water or sanitary sewer services, will be billed at a monthly minimum rate of Five Dollars (\$5.00), and will be billed bi-annually Thirty Dollars (\$30.00). The bi-annual monthly billings will occur on June 1 and December 1 of the calendar year.

Monthly fees for Multi-Unit Residential Properties located within the Public Works Service area that receive water service or sanitary sewer service only, are hereby established at a rate of Two Dollars and Seventy-five cents (\$2.75) per month for a 3/4 inch water meter opening or smaller and Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per month for any water meter opening larger than 3/4 inch. Any Residential Properties located within the Public Works Service area that does not receive water or sanitary sewer services, will be billed at a monthly minimum rate of Two Dollars and Seventy-five cents (\$2.75), and will be billed bi-annually Sixteen Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$30.00). The bi-annual monthly billings will occur on June 1 and December 1 of the calendar year.

All revenues fees collected for the stormwater service, including but not limited to, department user fees, penalties assessed by this Ordinance or subsequent amendments, or interest earnings on any unused funds shall be deposited in an account entitled “Town of Westfield Stormwater Revenue Fund”.

The following is the time line as established by Indiana Code for the implementation of the Stormwater Utility Fee Ordinance:

- September 26, 2007 – Stormwater & Wellhead Protection Education and Outreach Mtg. (15-20 min.) and then the Storm Water User Fee introduction and presentation to the public.)
- October 8, 2007 - Introduce Ordinance to Town Council
- October 18, 2007 - Notice of Public Hearing must be received by newspaper for publication.
- October 23, 2007 - Notice of Public Hearing must be published in the Noblesville Ledger and Noblesville Times.
- October 23, 2007 - Notices mailed to improved properties located within the Public Works Service Area with the Town’s Jurisdictional boundary.
- November 12, 2007 – Town Council holds a public hearing on the Water Stormwater User Fee, Ordinance No. 07-23.
- November 19, 2007 – Objection period expires.
- January 1, 2008 – Stormwater User Fee billing begins

Therefore, the Westfield Public Works Department recommends to the Westfield Town Council to consider this Ordinance for a Second Reading and Public Hearing on November 12, 2007.