



# **City of Grand Island**

**Tuesday, August 29, 2017**

**Special Meeting**

## **Item F-3**

**#9648 - Consideration of Adding Section 40-38 for a Storm Water Fee to Chapter 40 of the Grand Island City Code Related to Storm Water Management**

**Staff Contact: Renae Jimenez, Finance Director**

# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Renae Jimenez, Finance Director

**Meeting:** August 29, 2017

**Subject:** Consideration of Adding Section 40-38 for a Storm Water Fee to Chapter 40 of the Grand Island City Code Related to Storm Water Management

**Presenter(s):** Renae Jimenez, Finance Director

## **Background**

The City of Grand Island currently has a responsibility to regulate discharges to the City's storm drainage system as required by federal and state law. There are costs associated with that responsibility. Based on the number of water utility accounts, it is estimated this fee would generate around \$300,000 per year. The use of these funds will be dedicated to pay drainage costs incurred by the Streets department along with the City's share of projects such as Moore's Creek drainage extension, reducing the amount of resources needed from the general fund.

## **Discussion**

This fee has been part of the budget discussion as it will help lessen the share of property taxes needed for the Streets operations, allowing the property tax to stay in the general fund. There are a few cities across the state that have implemented this fee at various amounts. We're proposing \$1 per month for residential, \$5 per month for commercial, and \$10 per month for industrial.

## **Alternatives**

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

## **Recommendation**

City Administration recommends that the City Council adopt the Storm Water Fee

ORDINANCE NO. 9648

An ordinance to amend Grand Island City Code Chapter 40, Storm Water Management, by the addition of Section 40-38; to repeal any ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; and to provide for publication and the effective date of this ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1. Chapter 40 of the Grand Island City Code is hereby amended by adding the following:

**§40-38. Storm Water Fee Schedule Established**

There is hereby assessed against all property within the City that is connected to water of the City a monthly storm water utility fee as set forth in the Grand Island Fee Schedule. Such fee is based upon a determination of the use for each property. The owner, occupant and any person who is responsible for the payment of water service to the property, shall all be jointly and severally responsible for the payment of said fee. Persons responsible for the payment of water service to the property shall include the person responsible for payment for water provided to a master meter that is then distributed to multiple users, whether or not said users are located on the same property as the master meter. The fees shall be set based upon the following property use categories:

1. All property devoted to a residential use. The term “residential” shall include single family homes, mobile homes, and mobile home parks, duplexes and apartment units. The term “residential” shall not include rooming or boarding houses, dormitories, and similar facilities; and
2. Property devoted to any use other than residential.

SECTION 2. Any ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be, and hereby are, repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in force and take effect on October 1, 2017 from and after its passage and publication in one issue of the Grand Island Independent as provided by law.

Approved as to Form    ☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
August 25, 2017            ☐ City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. 9648 (Cont.)

Enacted: August 29, 2017.

---

Jeremy L. Jensen, Mayor

Attest:

---

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk