



City of Holly Springs

Date: Monday, July 24, 2023

Location: 3237 Holly Springs Parkway

**Finance & Administration Committee
Agenda
7:00p.m., City Hall Conference Room**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Discuss amending the stormwater utility service fee
Presented By: Denise Lamazares, Finance Director
- III. ADJOURNMENT

Athens/Clarke County:

The amount of your stormwater utility fee is the sum of the ERUs multiplied by the base rate of \$2.07, the ERU multiplied by the quantity rate of \$0.86, and the ERU multiplied by the appropriate ID factor and the quality rate of \$0.57:

- $(ERU \times \text{Base Rate}) + (ERU \times \text{Quantity Rate}) + (ERU \times \text{Quality Rate} \times \text{ID Factor}) = \text{Monthly Stormwater Fee}$

The formula above calculates the monthly stormwater fee. When comparing this amount to your utility bill, be sure to remember that the stormwater utility bill is for three months of stormwater charges. An average single-family homeowner is charged for one ERU. For properties charged one ERU, the fee is around \$3.50 per month.

City of Augusta:

The stormwater utility fee is \$6.40 per month for single-family residential property with up to 4,400 square feet of impervious or hard surface area – rooftops and pavement. The fee is \$12.80 per month for single-family residential property with more than 4,400 square feet of impervious surface area. The fee for other property is calculated at a rate of \$6.40 per 2,200 square feet of impervious surface area. For example, a building and parking lot with 22,000 square feet of impervious surface area would be billed \$64 per month (10 x \$6.40).

City of Canton:

Stormwater Rates Stormwater Charge Per IU/month \$1.25 Stormwater is charged to property owners by the amount of impervious area that the property has. Impervious area/surfaces are defined as a surface that allows little or no stormwater infiltration into the ground. Examples of this are streets, roofs, parking lots, most patios, sidewalks, etc. The City charges by "Impervious Units" (IU's) which are calculated based on one impervious unit being equal to 2,000 square foot of impervious surface. Residential accounts are limited to a charge for two IU's while commercial accounts are charged based on total/actual impervious units.

Dekalb County:

The SWU fee is based on the amount of impervious surface on a parcel. The formula for the SWU fee uses an Equivalent Residential Unit, or ERU. The SWU fee per ERU is \$48 per year.

The total number of ERUs for a property is calculated as follows:

1. All single dwelling lots (i.e. single family homes or townhomes) are charged one (1) ERU per year.
2. All multiple dwelling lots (i.e. apartments or condos) are charged one-half (.5) ERU times the number of units on the lot.
3. All other developed lands are charged one (1) ERU for each three thousand (3,000) square feet of impervious surface on the property, rounded to the next tenth of an ERU.
4. Undeveloped property is not charged a SWU fee.

City of Doraville:

Stormwater Fee \$48 / annually

City of Duluth:

The new annual rate is \$75/ERU with the Equivalent Residential Unit remaining at 2,997 square feet of impervious surface area.

Most single family residential properties will be charged \$75.00/year.

Most townhomes and condos will be charged \$37.50/year.

All other properties will be charged \$75.00 per 2,997 square feet of impervious surface area on the property.

Gwinnett County:

The County follows the national model of measuring impervious surface area on individual properties.

The user fee is determined based on the total square footage of impervious area. The 2022 rate is \$2.46 per 100 square feet units. The rate for subsequent years will be reevaluated in the future. The stormwater fee is charged as a line item on the annual property tax bill.

City of Johns Creek:

Stormwater Utility Fee Rate Schedule

Billing Class	Runoff Area Range (Square Feet)	Billing Unit (ERU)*	Billing Rate (Monthly)**
Residential Tier 1	401 – 3,000 square feet	0.5	\$2.90
Residential Tier 2	3,001 – 5,000 square feet	1	\$5.80
Residential Tier 3	5,001 – 7,000 square feet	1.5	\$8.70
Residential Tier 4	7,001 – 9,000 square feet	2	\$11.60
Residential Tier 5	9,001 – 11,000 square feet	2.5	\$14.50
Large Residential	More than 11,000 square feet	1 per 4,000 square feet	\$5.80 / 4,000 square feet
Non-Residential	N/A	1 per 4,000 square feet	\$5.80 / 4,000 square feet

*1 Equivalent Residential Unit = 4,000 square feet

** Billing rate for 1 Equivalent Residential Unit = \$5.80/month

City of Kennesaw:

\$1.13 per 1,000 sq. ft.; minimum fee \$5 Non Residential

City of Lawrenceville:

Fees are assessed according to the impervious surface area or Stormwater “footprint” of each parcel, rather than property value. Each parcel will be billed for each equivalent resident unit (“ERU”). Equivalent residential unit means 3,000 square feet of impervious surface. Each ERU is billed at a rate of \$5.00 per month. Residentially zoned property, excluding multi-family housing, is billed one (1) ERU (ex. \$5.00 per month). For non-residentially zoned property, including multi-family housing, the number of ERUs to be billed is calculated by taking the square footage of the property and multiplying the square footage by Seventy-five percent (75%) and then dividing by 3,000 (ex. 5 acre parcel – 43,560 x 5 = 217,800; 217,800 x 75% = 163,350; 163,350 / 3000 = 54.45 ERUs; 54.45 x \$5.00 = \$272.25 per month).

City of Norcross:

The City of Norcross worked hard to create a fair and equitable stormwater fee schedule. Property owners in the city pay only **\$2.05 per 100 square feet** of impervious area, residential and non-residential.

City of Peachtree Corners:

The utility rate is \$2.46 per 100 square feet of impervious surface.

City of Roswell:

Stormwater Fees		
Impervious Surface Tier	Impervious Surface Range	Monthly Fee as of July 1, 2023
Residential Tier 1	Up to 3,400 square feet	\$3.55
Residential Tier 2	3,401 – 4,950 square feet	\$5.45
Residential Tier 3	4,951 – 10,000 square feet	\$8.17
Large Residential Tier 4*	> 10,000 square feet	\$5.45
Non-Residential/Commercial*	n/a	\$5.45

City of Sugarhill:

The Stormwater Fee is currently set at a monthly fee in increments of \$1.50 per every 1,000 square feet of impervious surface, which equates to an annual fee of \$18.00 per 1,000 square feet. You can determine your rate by measuring the square feet of impervious surfaces on your property and using the chart below. The Stormwater bill will be sent to the property owner. Residential & Non-Residential Impervious Surface (sq ft) Stormwater Monthly Rate Annual Fee * The Chart continues in increments of 1,000 square feet at \$1.50 a month (\$18.00 annually) 0 - 999 Exempt Exempt 1,000 – 1,999 \$1.50 \$18.00 2,000 – 2,999 \$3.00 \$36.00 3,000 – 3,999 \$4.50 \$54.00 4,000 - 4,999 \$6.00 \$72.00 5,000 - * * *

City of Suwanee:

Most **detached homeowners will pay less than \$7.50 per month** (around \$89 per year). Attached townhouse owners will pay about \$35 per year. Commercial properties and other parcels with large impervious areas will pay proportionately more based on their specific amounts of impervious surface. Shall be charged 1.00 ERU for every 3,825 square-foot increment, or portion thereof, of impervious surfaces located on the property to establish the total number of ERUs for billing. Billed a minimum of 1 ERU. A typical shopping center is expected to pay around \$15,000 annually.

City of Woodstock:

\$4.37 per ERU. One ERU = 2700 square feet (footprint). This is for residential and non-residential. No exemptions. The Stormwater Utility Fee is billed annually on the property tax bills. Fees are \$52.44/yr for residential and \$52.44/yr per ERU for non-residential. One ERU = 2700 sq. ft of impervious surface. Owned suite units in mixed-use facilities will have fee of \$52.44/yr for residential units and the higher of \$50.40/yr or \$50.40 per ERU for commercial units. Tax-exempt customers are not exempt from paying the Stormwater Utility Fee.