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Changes to Storm Water Utility Fees

January 2022

The City of Fargo will update storm water fees in January 2022.

Fargo's storm water infrastructure has expanded significantly since the City implemented the Storm Water Utility in 1998.
As an example, Fargo's storm lift station infrastructure doubled from 40 to more than 80 total stations due to ongoing development and growth over two decades. The storm water system is also comprised of miles of pipes, ditches and multiple detention ponds which are designed to safely convey runoff away from properties and discharge it to the river.

The City transitioned from a completely flat rate to the present billing system in 2019. This fee increase is only the second adjustment made in the last 20 years. The updated fee structure will allow the City to adequately fund the storm water system's ongoing maintenance today and into the future with utility cost and revenue projections evaluated every few years.

HOW WILL THIS CHANGE AFFECT MY UTILITY BILL?

The City of Fargo currently charges a flat rate of $4 per month for residential properties. A residential property owner's monthly utility bill will increase by $1 in January 2022, to a total storm water fee of $5 per month. The updated storm water fees for non-residential properties or properties with substantial amounts of impervious, or paved, area are reflected on the chart on the back of this document.

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fargond.gov/city-government/departments/engineering/storm-sewer-utilities

You can find additional information about the storm water system and rates, as well as a storm water utility map that includes personalized information about each parcel. You can also pay your utility bill or sign up to establish automatic bill pay.

Still have questions? Call the Fargo Engineering Department at 701-241-1545.

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JANUARY 2022

SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL MONTHLY STORM WATER UTILITY FLAT RATE

CURRENT
$4.00

BEGINNING JANUARY 2022
$5.00

NON-RESIDENTIAL MONTHLY STORM WATER UTILITY RATE

Non-residential property fees are based on a calculation established by the City which considers both a parcel's total area and impervious surface area percentage, with a minimum of $12.00 per month.

For larger and more intensely developed parcels that exceed the minimum $12.00 fee, the table below illustrates how the City of Fargo will use the gross area and amount of impervious area on non-residential properties to calculate each parcel's monthly storm water rate.

When graded parcels, structures, and impervious or paved surfaces such as parking lots, do not allow rain or snowmelt to enter the ground, the precipitation enters the City's storm water system. Storm water fees that are considered representative of the cost of service provided to each parcel are based on several considerations, including:

- Size of an individual lot/parcel
- Land use (non-residential, single family residential)
- Amount of impervious surface area (paved and graded surfaces cause additional rain or snowmelt to enter the City's storm system)

IMPERVIOUS % Portion of the property that is impervious (building or pavement) as determined by site plans and aerial imagery taken every three years.	**RATE ($ / 1,000 SQ FT)** Unit rate (dollars per 1,000 sq-ft) based on the impervious area. Rate = 0.9281 x Impervious % - 0.0239	**MONTHLY FEE ($) FOR A 4 ACRE PROPERTY** Monthly storm water charge for an individual property. Fee = Area x Rate
10%	$0.069	$12.00
20%	$0.162	$28.18
40%	$0.347	$60.52
60%	$0.533	$92.86
80%	$0.719	$125.21

1 acre = 43,560 sq-ft

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