

# Utility Rate Resolution

**RESOLUTION NO. (2008) - 540**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA, REVISING THE SCHEDULE OF RATE, CHARGES, TIERS AND CREDITS FOR CITY OF RALEIGH STORM WATER UTILITY BY REVISING RESOLUTION NO. (2003) - 888**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Raleigh enacted Part 6, Chapter 3 of the City Code which places upon the City Council the obligation to establish by resolution the Single-family Equivalent Unit (SFEU), which means the median impervious surface area of single-family (detached home) on developed land located within the City, the SFEU Rate (base rate), which means the stormwater management service charge applied to other residential and nonresidential development land per SFEU, the Single-Family Tiers, which means the variable assignment of SFEUs for customers of single-family developed property, and late fees; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager has recommended rates as set forth herein based upon a study being the final report of stormwater management funding study, City of Raleigh, North Carolina, prepared by Camp Dresser & McKee, with additional input by city staff; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has evaluated the study and recommendations and has determined that the standards fees and charges set forth herein below are reasonably necessary and are in accordance with the provisions of Part 6 Chapter 3 of the City Code.

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined it to be appropriate to implement the rates set forth herein as of the effective date of this resolution,.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA that:**

Section 1. **SFEU Established.** The single-family equivalent unit (SFEU) is hereby established to be 2,260 square feet of impervious surface area.

Section 2. **SFEU Rate Established.** The single-family equivalent unit rate for stormwater management service charges applied to other residential and nonresidential

development land is hereby established to be \$4.00 per month for each single-family equivalent unit (SFEU) or portion of a single-family equivalent unit on the parcel

Section 3. **SFEU Calculation Established.** The single-family equivalent unit for each customer is established for other residential and nonresidential development land by dividing the total impervious surface area of the property by the single-family equivalent unit (SFEU) rounded to the nearest tenth. But the minimum value shall not be less than the percentage of single-family equivalent unit applied to the lowest tier established for single-family developed land.

Section 3. **Single-family (SFU) Tiers Established.** The tier structure rate established for single-family developed land is as follows:

<u>Impervious Area On Property (Square Feet)</u>	<u>Percentage of SFEUs</u>
1,000 or less	40%
1,001 to 3,870	100%
3871 to 6620	170%
6621 to 9500	290%
9501 or more	Billed at the rates established in Section 2 above for each SFEU

Section 4. **Late Fee.** Stormwater management service charges are due at the collection office within the time period stated on the bill. Bills not paid within this time period shall be charged a late fee of \$5.00.

Section 5. This Resolution shall apply to all stormwater management service charges beginning July 1, 2008.

**ADOPTED:** May 6, 2008

**EFFECTIVE:** July 1, 2008

## **Council Approved Stormwater Credit and Adjustment Manual Revisions:**

- 1- Changed detention credit requirement to the 25 year design storm as a result of City Code change requiring 10 year design storm as a standard, in addition to the 2 year design storm. TC-2-04 was approved by City Council on February 17, 2004. (Pages 9-10)
- 2- Council approved change to the impervious surface definition at their November 2, 2004 meeting to be consistent with the definition used in the City Code for porous surfaces and slatted decks. (Pages 2-3)
- 3- Council approved increasing the maximum NPDES MS4 permit fee credit from 15 to 35 percent. (Page 10) Also, approved at the April 18, 2006 Council meeting were changes to the inspection requirement for facilities that qualify for a detention credit from an annual inspection certified by a professional engineer to an annual certification by the owner or Chief Executive Officer that the detention facility is in place and in proper working order and that an inspection and certification by a professional engineer will be required every 3 years. (Page 14)