



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Council
From: Tres Thomas, City Engineer
Date: January 23, 2009
Re: Stormwater Utility Fee Recommendations
Cc: Billy Bouchillon

Please review the following stormwater billing proposals.

Removal of the Pervious Area Component

Covington property owners will only be charged for the impervious portions of their property. This will alleviate fees associated with lawns, gardens, pastures, etc., and will simply the administrative duties associated with billing. The removal of this component will reduce the annual revenue approximately \$174,000.

Fee Reduction

The revised billing rate will be reduced from \$3.23 per ERU to \$3.00 per ERU. Changing the billing rate will reduce the annual revenue approximately \$60,000.

Low Impact Parcel Credit

A new credit will be added to the stormwater program. The credit is being offered to those parcels deemed to have a limited impact to the stormwater system. To qualify, a parcel must be in the largest quartile (0.58 acres or greater) for overall area and in the lowest quartile (less than or equal to 14.4% impervious) for imperviousness. These quartiles were determined from Covington parcel data obtained from the GIS Department. By allowing a 25% fee reduction for those parcels meeting the low impact criteria, it estimated that the annual revenue will decrease by approximately \$24,000.

The total revenue reduction associated with the proposed changes is \$258,000. With this reduction, the city will be able to continue meeting the goals and objectives of the stormwater program.

I have included two documents related to this memo. The first document provides a summary of the original and revised fee calculations. The second document provides a utility fee comparison for various cities and counties in Georgia.

I am requesting that you review this material and approve the recommendations above.