MEMO



TO:

Utilities Committee

FROM:

Paula Vandehey, Director of Public Works

Sue Olson, Staff Engineer

DATE:

June 29, 2015

SUBJECT:

Stormwater Billing Appeals for Green Tree Court.

In September, 2013 the City Council approved the staff recommended changes for how multifamily properties' stormwater charges were calculated. Although Council approved a January 1, 2015 implementation date, it has taken longer to implement the change than we expected, so a July 1, 2015 implementation date is occurring.

As shown on the attached Ordinance language, multifamily properties used to have a different calculation based on whether they were on a public or private road. In some cases, there were a mixture of both which made it difficult to determine the appropriate way to charge a property. The calculations were based solely on the number of units and not on the square footage of impervious area. This formula had no incentive for developers to be sensitive to the amount of impervious area created.

The City of Appleton uses customer classifications to determine the stormwater utility billing rate. All non-residential and multi-use classifications were already charged based on actual impervious area. The change approved by Council in 2013 moved the multi-family classification to also be charged based on actual impervious area. We anticipate the Council discussing whether single family and duplex properties should be charged based on a tiered system in the near future.

Attached are the calculations for 1036 #A and 1016 #B Green Tree Court.

June 18, 2015

Paula Vandehey P.E. City of Appleton

Re: Storm water billing change

Dear Paula,

I am writing to let you know that I wish to appeal the change in Appleton's storm water billing policy for condominium and apartment dwellers. I plan to attend the meeting scheduled for July 7th. As you know, my objection to the rate change is based on the fact that it is not being uniformly applied to all utility users. Thank you for advising me of this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Diane Mandler 1016 E Green Tree Ct #B Appleton 54915 832-0612 832-4646 (work) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 20-237 OF CHAPTER 20 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF APPLETON, RELATING TO CUSTOMER CLASSIFICATION.

(Utilities Committee – 9-18-13)

The Common Council of the City of Appleton does ordain as follows:

<u>Section 1</u>: That Section 20-237 of Chapter 20 of the Municipal Code of the City of Appleton, relating to customer classification, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 20-237. Customer classification.

(a) For purposes of imposing the stormwater charges, all lots and parcels within the City are classified as follows:

ERUs imposed Classification Public Road Private Road Single Family Detached Individual Condominiums 1/unit .5/unit Duplex Duplex .5/unit 1/unit Condominiums .4/unit 1/unit Multifamily Condominiums Actual impervious area of the property using aerial photography Mobile Homes 5/unit 1/unit Bed & Breakfast 1 . (fewer than 5 units) Bed & Breakfast .5/unit 1/unit (5 units or more) .4/unit-1/unit Multifamily rental Actual impervious area of the property. using aerial photography Non-Residential (1) ERU, One (1) multiplied by the multiplied by the and Multi-Use numerical factor numerical factor obtained obtained dividing the total dividing the total impervious area impervious area of nonof a nona residential residential property by the property by the square footage of square footage of one (1) ERU, one (1) ERU, rounded down to rounded down to the nearest onethe nearest onetenth (0.1), i.e.: tenth (0.1), i.e.: ERU rate x ERU rate x impervious area impervious area **ERU** ERU **ERU** One: (1) · ERU Undeveloped One (1) multiplied by a multiplied by a factor established factor established by resolution then by resolution then

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- (b) The Director shall prepare a list of lots and parcels within the City of Appleton and assign a classification to each lot or parcel.
- (c) The average square footage of impervious area of ERU is established to be equivalent to 2,368 square feet.
- (d) The Director shall be responsible for determining the impervious area based on the best available information, including, but not limited to, data supplied by the City Assessor, aerial photography, the property owner, tenant or developer. The Director may require additional information as necessary to make the determination. The billing amount shall be updated by the Director based on the building permit process.
- (e) All unoccupied developed lots and parcels shall be subject to the stormwater utility charges.

Section 2: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on January 1, 2015.

Dated:	a W
Timothy M. Hanna, Mayor	Charlene M. Peterson, City Clerk

	1036 #A Green Tree	1016 #B Green Tree
Building	1717	1861
Patio	168	170
Sidewalk	410 + 142 + 147 / 3 = 233	87
Individual Driveway	4285/6 = 714	75/2 = 337
Complex Driveway	44881/74 = 606	44881/74 = 606
Additional Parking	1252/74 = 17	1252/74 = 17
TOTAL	3,455 = 1.46 ERU	3,078 = 1.30 ERU

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