

**AGENDA SUMMARY  
TAVARES CITY COUNCIL  
DATE OF MEETING: November 18, 2015**

**AGENDA TAB NO. 8**

**SUBJECT TITLE: Ordinance No. 2015-22 – Amendment of Section 17.75 (A) of the Land Development Regulations to reflect Stormwater Fees Adopted with the Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget**

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**OBJECTIVE:** To obtain Council approval to amend Section 17.75 (A) of the Land Development Regulations for Stormwater rates as provided in the 2016 Adopted Budget.

**SUMMARY:** During the 2016 budget preparation process, expenses associated with operational costs, capital needs, and debt service costs were balanced with revenues associated with the rate study and recommended stormwater fee of \$7.75 per ERU.

The City's rate consultant, Mike Rocca of Raftelis and Associates, prepared a rate study for the Water, Sewer, Reclaim and Stormwater Utilities. The Study indicated needed rates to meet operational costs and to meet debt service obligations for the Downtown CRA Stormwater Improvements.

The Utility Rate Study was previously provided to the City Council on November 19, 2014. The FY2016 Adopted Stormwater Budget included the Stormwater fee of \$7.75 per ERU as indicated in the Utility Rate Study.

**OPTIONS:**

1. Approve Ordinance 2015-22, which amends Section 17.75 (A) of the Land Development Regulations to increase the monthly Stormwater drainage utility fee for each single family dwelling unit from \$7.00 to \$7.75.
2. Do not approve Ordinance 2015-22.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Option 1. **Move to Approve** Ordinance 2015-22, which amends Section 17.75 (A) of the Land Development Regulations and sets the monthly Stormwater drainage utility fee for each single family dwelling unit at \$7.75.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This Ordinance provides documentation in the Land Development Regulations for the implemented stormwater fees for the 2016 Adopted Budget.

**LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:** Meets Legal Sufficiency.

**ORDINANCE 2015-22**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 17-75 AND 17-77 OF THE CITY OF TAVARES LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO STORM WATER DRAINAGE UTILITY FEES; INCREASING SAID FEE TO \$7.75/ESFU AS APPROVED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 ADOPTED BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, on September 16, 2015, the City Council Adopted the Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget for the City of Tavares which set forth Stormwater Rates for the Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget for the Stormwater Utility;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council requests an update to the Land Development Regulations to reflect the fee established in the fiscal year 2016 Stormwater Budget;

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAVARES, FLORIDA:**

**Sec. 17-75. Schedule of Utility Fees.**

(A) The city council shall by ordinance establish reasonable rates for the stormwater drainage utility system for each single-family dwelling unit (SFU). The monthly stormwater drainage utility fee for each single-family dwelling unit shall be \$7.75. Each SFU shall be billed a flat fee established by the city council for residential units. For residential accounts not individually metered, the account holder of the master meter shall be billed the fee established for a SFU multiplied by the number of residential units.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its final adoption by the Tavares City Council.

PASSED AND ORDAINED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015,  
by the City Council of the City of Tavares, Florida.

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, Mayor  
Tavares City Council

ATTEST:

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John Drury  
City Administrator

Passed First Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Passed Second Reading \_\_\_\_\_

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Approved as to form:  
Robert Q. Williams  
City Attorney