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City of Plantation  
City Council Chambers

**Subject:**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PLANTATION, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO THE SUBJECT OF THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT UTILITY FEE, AMENDING CHAPTER 9 "FLOODPLAIN AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT".

**Summary:**

PUBLIC HEARING / FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PLANTATION, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO THE SUBJECT OF THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT UTILITY FEE, AMENDING CHAPTER 9 "FLOODPLAIN AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT", ARTICLE VII, ENTITLED "STORMWATER MANAGEMENT UTILITY," SECTION 9-101 ENTITLED "DEFINITIONS FOR UTILITY" TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS OF "EQUIVALENT RESIDENTIAL UNIT" AND "ERU RATE"; AMENDING SECTION 9-103 ENTITLED "STORMWATER MANAGEMENT UTILITY FEE," TO PROVIDE THAT EQUIVALENT RESIDENTIAL UNITS AND ERU RATES SHALL BE ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION; AMENDING SECTION 9-104 ENTITLED "ANNUAL MODIFICATIONS AND EVALUATIONS" TO REVISE ANNUAL INDEX ADJUSTMENT; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Background:**

**Proposed Ordinance Amendments**

To provide greater flexibility and improve the long-term administration of the Stormwater Utility Program, staff is proposing amendments to Chapter 9 of the City Code. The proposed amendments include:

- Updating the ERU definition from 4,489 square feet to 4,838 square feet based upon the consultant's impervious area analysis.
- Establishing that residential ERUs and stormwater assessment methodologies may be established and modified by City Council resolution rather than requiring future code amendments.
- Maintaining non-residential assessments based upon measured impervious area divided by the updated ERU value of 4,838 square feet.
- Authorizing the City Council to annually establish and modify the ERU rate by resolution as part of the annual assessment process.
- Revising the annual inflationary adjustment methodology by replacing the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Miami/Fort Lauderdale) with the Engineering News Record (ENR) Construction Cost Index. The ENR index more closely reflects changes in construction, maintenance, rehabilitation, and infrastructure replacement costs associated with operating a stormwater utility system.

**Funding:**

**Amount:**

**Finance Director/Budget Manager Recommendation:**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

[Stormwater Utility Ordinance Update Memorandum.docx](#)

[Amend Chapter 9 re Stormwater Utility Fee.pdf](#)