



**Request for City Council Committee Action  
From the Department of Public Works**

**Date:** September 14, 2004  
**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works  
**Referral:** None

**Subject: Public Hearing: Amending Title 19 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Water, Sewers and Sewage Disposal**

**Recommendation:**

- Adoption of a new chapter 510 entitled Storm Water Management System and Operation of a Storm Water Utility.

**Previous Directives:**

- Decision package approved in the 2003 Budget authorizing the study and implementation of a stormwater utility fee (2002R-469).
- A budgetary footnote approved in the 2004 Budget (2003R-608, jj) for the issuance of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for consulting services to assist with the final two phases (phases two and three) of implementing a stormwater management fee .
- Approval to negotiate and execute a contract with the selected vendor, Black and Veatch, to plan (Phase II) and implement (Phase III) a stormwater utility fee (April 30, 2004).
- Public Hearing set on July 23, 2004.

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**Approved by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Presenters:** John McLain, Operations Analyst

<p><b>Financial Impact</b> (Check those that apply)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget. (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Action requires use of contingency or reserves</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other financial impact (Explain):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee</p> <p>Coordinator</p>
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**Background/Supporting Information Attached**

Within the 2003 Budget, a decision package for \$500,000 was submitted and approved by Council and Mayor, to re-evaluate the feasibility and fund the implementation of a stormwater utility fee.

The Phase I study, of a three-phase process, was conducted during the fall of 2003 and into the first part of 2004. The study evaluated rate model approaches that could be used. The final version of the report was delivered to Council Members and Mayor, on April 30, 2004. Two Council Study Sessions have been held over the past four months. During the May 7, 2004 Study Session an update on the Stormwater Rate Model Project was made to Council. During the August 13, 2004 Study Session a presentation was made to update the Council on the project status and provide them with the proposed ordinance chapter.

The project continues to move forward with Phase II (Implementation Planning) of the project. The consultant, along with Public Works, continue to review the parcel database, analyzing financial requirements including credit system approaches, and drafting rate model administrative duties, as we prepare to provide an implementation plan.

Three open house events were held in the community on August 31, September 1, and September 2, 2004.

The ordinance chapter, as written, allows for a credit mechanism to be developed, implemented and refined in subsequent policy decisions.

Attachment 1 – Proposed Chapter 510 Storm Water Management System and  
Operation of a Storm Water Utility

**T&PW** Your Committee, to whom was referred the request to hold a public hearing amending the revenue generating approach in funding the City's stormwater related activities, now recommends that said ordinance amendment.