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# News Release

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## City proposes slight increase to Stormwater Utility Fees

MURPHY (July 1, 2019) Constructing and maintaining an adequate, reliable and appropriately-sized stormwater drainage system to channel rainwater and avoid impeding the flow of rainwater to area lakes, and more importantly, to minimize the possibility of flooding during rainstorms, underlie the rationale behind the Stormwater Utility Fee program.

A proposal to increase the monthly Stormwater Utility Fee from \$3.00 per residence to \$3.80, and a proportional increase for businesses, will go before Council in the near future, with a planned implementation date of Oct. 1, 2019, should the proposed new rates be approved. The proposed increase was the result of a detailed study regarding the financial requirements needed to maintain compliance with state regulations.

The Murphy City Council adopted the Stormwater Utility Fee in order to meet state-mandated regulations specifically related to the discharge of stormwater into area waterways. The monthly fees are used exclusively to cover the costs of programs, personnel, equipment and other expenses required to comply with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) rules and regulations related to stormwater management.

The Stormwater Utility Fee is based on the amount of impervious area on each property, including rooftops, driveways, patios, sidewalks or any other hard surfaces that do not allow stormwater to infiltrate into the ground.

Known as a General Permit, the TCEQ rules were first developed in 2007 and were subsequently amended and expanded in what is known as the December 2013 General Permit. A General Permit is required for all municipalities, cities, towns, and counties in the state to ensure compliance with stormwater management regulations.

The general purpose of the regulations is to reduce stormwater pollution, thereby maintaining clean lakes, streams, rivers, creeks and other waterways. Among the requirements are operating and maintaining the City's stormwater infrastructure, investigating flooding problems, removal and clearing of storm debris, vegetation management, pipe and channel repair, erosion protection, inspection and compliance, and improving stormwater quality within the community.

For more information, residents and business owners may contact Bryce Gullatt at 972-468-4378 or [bgullatt@murphytx.org](mailto:bgullatt@murphytx.org). Town Hall meetings to discuss the proposed rates are scheduled for late August. Details on these meetings will be distributed at a later date.

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 20,010, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income well above the state average. With more than 80 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a family-oriented community with a strong sense of place. Money Magazine has dubbed Murphy as the 27th Best Place to Live in America for small cities, and D Magazine placed Murphy as the fifth best suburb in the 2014 list, where it has consistently ranked in the top 10.