



City of Farmers Branch

Farmers Branch City Hall
13000 Wm Dodson Pkwy
Farmers Branch, Texas
75234

Legislation Text

File #: ORD-3532, Version: 1

Conduct a public hearing and consider adopting Ordinance No. 3532 to include an updated Municipal Drainage Utility System Fee Schedule to set forth in Section 86-521 and Appendix A of the Farmers Branch Code of Ordinances; and take appropriate action.

BACKGROUND:

State law requires that any changes in the municipal drainage utility charges be adopted follow a public hearing. Notice of that public hearing was published three times prior to the public hearing, with the first notice being published not later than the 30th day before the date of the public hearing: (1) Friday, August 31, 2018, (2) Friday, September 7, 2018, and final (3) September 14, 2018.

| Section this Code | <i>Article VII. Municipal Drainage Utility System</i> | Current Fee | Proposed Fee |
|----------------------|--|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 86-521 | Impervious Area; Fee Assessed | | |
| | (b) The drainage utility fee, payable monthly, shall be established with respect to all property within the City according to the following schedule | | |
| | <i>Single-Family Residential Property Type:</i> | | |
| | Tier 1 [<3,100 impervious area] | \$3.05 | \$3.20 |
| | Tier 2 [3,100 to <5,100 impervious area] | \$4.50 | \$4.75 |
| | Tier 3 [\geq 5,100 impervious area] | \$7.20 | \$7.60 |
| | All other non-exempt property [ERU (Equivalent Residential Unit) = 4,000 sf impervious area] | \$4.50 per ERU | \$4.75 per ERU |

DISCUSSION:

The Municipal Drainage Advisory Committee voted May 2, 2018 to increase drainage utility fees by approximately 5% in the 2018-19 Fiscal Year Budget. This rate increase will result in an annual increase of \$2.40 for Tier 1 properties [<3,100 sf impervious area], \$3.00 for Tier 2 [3,100 to <5,100 sf impervious area] properties, \$4.80 for Tier 3 [\geq 5,100 sf impervious area] properties, and \$3.00 per ERU [Equivalent Residential Unit = 4,000 sf impervious area] for all other non-exempt property.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommended motion by City Administration that the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 3532 amending Section 86-521 and Appendix A of the Farmers Branch Code of Ordinances.

POSSIBLE COUNCIL ACTION:

1. I move to approve Ordinance No. 3532
2. I move to approve Ordinance No. 3532 with modifications.
3. I move to table the issue for further study or take no action.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Ordinance No. 3532