

## STORMWATER UTILITY PROGRAM

### Why A Stormwater Utility?

Stormwater runoff causes water pollution to be conveyed into receiving lakes and canals. The runoff water from our streets, roofs, patios and driveways carries such items as oils, greases, metal compounds, fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides and a variety of other substances to our natural water bodies.

In addition to pollution control, stormwater runoff can contribute to flooding if the proper measures are not taken. With the advent of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regulations governing stormwater pollution, a utility is needed to oversee and control storm water pollution and flooding.

### What Is A Stormwater Utility?

This utility is an organization that provides operations and maintenance, which includes collection, treatment, and disposal, and provides dedicated revenue source. In addition, it is capable of addressing environmental regulations and mandates.

The stormwater utility improves the public health, welfare and safety of the community.

The stormwater utility fees apply to all developed properties, residential and non-residential, which includes those properties classified as non-profit or tax exempt for ad valorem purposes. The only exception is for properties bounded on the north by Sample Road, east by the eastern city limits, south by Coconut Creek Parkway, and west by State Road 7.

### UTILITY RATES

Stormwater Management Utility Rates are based on an Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU), namely a single-family household.

#### Residential:

Each residential unit regardless of a residential classification will be designated as one (1) Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) for billing purposes. The Utility fee for one (1) ERU is set at \$5.46 per month, effective October 01, 2017.

#### Non-Residential:

Each non-residential customer will be charged a utility fee based on the number of ERU's calculated by the following formula:

$$\text{* No. of ERU's} = \frac{\text{Total impervious area of each parcel}}{\text{Avg. impervious area of 1.0 ERU}}$$

The minimum fee will be based on one (1) ERU.

#### Undeveloped:

Stormwater fees will not be charged for undeveloped property.

\* The impervious area of each parcel of property will be determined by the City. The statistical average of impervious area of an ERU for the City of Margate is 2,382 square feet.

### BILLING

The stormwater utility charge will appear on your monthly utility bill. Those customers not on the water and sewer billing will be billed separately.

The stormwater utility fee will constitute a debt to the City for which the owner, tenant and/or occupant will be jointly and severally liable.

All stormwater charges are due when rendered, and if not paid within twenty (20) days thereafter, become delinquent, and water/sewer service may then, after five (5) days written notice, be discontinued.

### INFORMATIONAL

The stormwater utility does not mean that property subject to stormwater fees will always, or at any time, be free from stormwater flooding or flood damage, or that stormwater systems capable of handling all storm events can be cost-effectively constructed, operated or maintained.

The utility does not reduce the need for obtaining flood insurance by the individual property owners.

## BACKGROUND

The City of Margate, Florida is responsible for the management of the existing stormwater system, which has developed over a number of years for the purpose of collection, storage, treatment and conveyance of stormwater.

Based on the above, Ordinance No. 93-20 was adopted by the City Commission on July 15, 1993 establishing a Stormwater Management Utility for the City of Margate effective January 1, 1994.

A separate Ordinance was also adopted establishing the monthly fee to be paid for a stormwater management utility. The rate for one (1) Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) is \$5.15 per month, effective January 01, 2016 and is subject to an annual consumer price index adjustment through fiscal year (FY) 2020. For FY 2018 the rate is \$5.46 per month per one (1) ERU.

The cost of operating and maintaining the stormwater utility management system and the financing of existing and future necessary repairs, replacement, improvements and extensions thereof were allocated to the extent practicable in relationship to the benefits enjoyed and services received therefrom.

## MAKING THE PROGRAM WORK

To make this program work, your City's Public Works Department needs your assistance. If you have specific concerns about stormwater issues or flooding problems that needs to be corrected, please contact the city. This information will be used to generate a database and develop a priority schedule for correcting these problems as funds are generated.

ORDINANCE No. 93-20 DATED: 07-15-1993  
ESTABLISHING A STORMWATER  
MANAGEMENT UTILITY

ORDINANCE No. 93-21 DATED: 07-15-1993  
ESTABLISHING A MONTHLY FEE FOR  
THE STORMWATER UTILITY

## REVISIONS:

REV. # 1 – ORD. # 93-34 DATED 11-17-1993  
REV. # 2 – ORD. # 94-17 DATED 09-20-1994  
REV. # 3 – ORD. # 97-18 DATED 09-16-1997  
REV. # 4 – ORD. # 98-12 DATED 09-14-1998  
REV. # 5 – ORD. # 00-22 DATED 09-19-2000  
REV. # 6 – ORD. # 01-20 DATED 09-20-2001  
REV. # 7 – ORD. # 2006-12 DATED 09-20-2006  
REV. # 8 – ORD. # 2007-20 DATED 09-19-2007  
REV. # 9 – ORD. # 2008-21 DATED 12-10-2008  
REV. #10 – ORD. # 2015-1500.617 DATED 10-28-2015

## STORMWATER ISSUES:

*Call Public Works Department at 954-972-8126*

## STORMWATER FEES:

*Call Department of Environmental and Engineering Services (DEES) at 954-972-0828*

## STORMWATER ORDINANCES:

*Call City Clerk's Office at 954-972-6454.*

# City of Margate



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Effective January 1, 1994  
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