



**City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2008**

**ITEM TITLE:**

**Resolution** redefining the average impervious area of all residential developed property per dwelling unit located within the City to be 2,346 square feet and increasing the rate for the Stormwater Services provided in connection with the Coral Gables Stormwater Management Utility, which Utility was created pursuant to Ordinance No. 3032 and codified as Article IV of Chapter 78 of the Code of the City of Coral Gables, from \$4.50 to \$5.00 per month for Residential Service and \$5.00 per ERU (Equivalent Residential Unit of 2,346 square feet) per month for Non-residential Service; repealing all resolutions inconsistent herewith and providing for an effective date of January 1, 2009.

**CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

That this Resolution redefining the average impervious area of all residential developed property per dwelling unit located within the City as 2,346 square feet and increasing rate for Stormwater Service for residential and non-residential service be approved by the City Commission.

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

The City is authorized by the Florida Constitution and the provisions of F.S. ch. 166 and F.S. § 403.0893 to establish just and equitable rates, fees, and charges for the services and facilities provided by the Stormwater Management System.

It has been fifteen (15) years since CDM last calculated the City's average impervious area of residential developed property per dwelling unit within the City to be 2,428 square feet. Since then, there has been a significant increase in the construction of new multifamily dwellings which has necessitated a recalculation of the City's average impervious area of residential developed property. Citywide, there are currently 19,695 residential units in the City occupying 46,205,846 square feet of impervious area with an average impervious area of 2,346 square feet per residential unit (an 82 sq. ft. reduction).

Likewise, it has been six (6) years since the City last updated its Stormwater Utility fee. In May 2002 the rate was increased from \$3.50 per month to \$4.50 per month per residential unit and \$4.50 per month per ERU. Due to the increased cost of operating and maintaining the City's Stormwater Management Utility, there have been limited funds remaining for necessary (minor) drainage improvements. The proposed rate change will generate an additional \$168,000 for stormwater capital projects which, when added to the \$16,000 derived from a reduction in the ERU square footage and the \$183,000 currently expected to be available after operational expenditures with the inclusion of mixed-use billing, the estimated amount available for capital projects becomes \$366,575. The Public Works Department believes that the proposed 11.1% increase of 50 cents to \$5.00 per residential unit and \$5.00 per ERU would be adequate to fund the current level of Stormwater Management Utility expenditures as well as the necessary (minor) drainage improvements to the system.

**ADVISORY BOARD/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION(S):**

Date	Board/Committee	Comments (if any)
N/A		

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION: (If Applicable)**

No.	Amount	Source of Funds
1. N/A		
2.		
Total:		
APPROVED BY:		

**LEGISLATIVE ACTION:**

Date:	Resolution/Ordinance No.	Comments
05-28-02	Resolution No. 30316	Resolution increasing rates for Stormwater Services

**APPROVED BY:**

Department Director	City Attorney (If Applicable)	City Manager

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Cover form w/draft Resolution
2. Ordinance No. 30316
3. Exhibits A, B, C, D, and E