

Introduced by: Councilmember Searcy

First Reading: May 12, 2021

Second Reading:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
ORDINANCE NO. 2021-19**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022, BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021
AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022**

WHEREAS, Section 1101 of the Charter of the City of Takoma Park designates the City Council as the Stormwater Management Board for Takoma Park with all of the powers associated therewith; and,

WHEREAS, Section 21-625 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland authorizes the adoption of a stormwater management utility fee system or user charges for stormwater management programs by the City; and

WHEREAS, Section 1106 of the Charter of the City of Takoma Park empowers the Stormwater Management Board to charge and to collect stormwater utility fees and user charges to pay for stormwater management activities in the City; and,

WHEREAS, the Stormwater Management Board desires to maintain a Stormwater Management Fund for the collection and payment of revenues and expenditures as it deems necessary to provide for the construction, maintenance, operations, and repair of the stormwater management system in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND:

SECTION 1. For Fiscal Year 2022, the City Council has revised the fee structure. All properties will be billed using the same fee structure. The fee has a base rate of \$25 per 500 square feet of impervious surface. The fee charged to the owners of single-family residential properties between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022 shall not exceed \$275.00. Beginning July 1, 2022, the fees charged to the owners of single-family residential properties shall not be so limited. A Stormwater Management fee shall be imposed on real property in the City in an amount sufficient to fund the Stormwater Management expenditures established by this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. A Stormwater Management Fund shall be maintained into which shall be deposited:

- a) All the receipts and revenues from user charges and utility fees imposed by the City to pay for stormwater management
- b) All charges, fees, fees-in-lieu, grants, and other contributions received from any person or governmental entity in connection with stormwater management activities or programs.

SECTION 3. The budget adopted hereto and by reference made a part hereof is hereby adopted for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022. Said budget provides for an appropriation in the amount of \$908,126 for stormwater management activities.

SECTION 4. The following operating transfers are hereby authorized in accordance with the exhibits attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference:

Operating Transfer From	Transfer To	Amount of Transfer
General Fund	Stormwater Fund	\$65,000

SECTION 5. Use of fund balance amount of \$138,626 authorized to supplement other revenues and financing sources.

SECTION 6. Stormwater management projects that are declared to be of an emergency nature as defined by the City Council in accordance with the Charter of the City of Takoma Park may be funded through the Emergency Reserve or other monies as designated by the City Council.

SECTION 7. Should any section of this Ordinance be determined to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other sections.

SECTION 8. This Ordinance shall be effective July 1, 2021.

Adopted by roll-call vote this ____ day of May, 2021 as follows:

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN: