

Introduced by: Councilmember Seamens

First Reading: May 13, 2020

Second Reading: May 20, 2020

Effective Date: July 1, 2020

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND  
ORDINANCE NO. 2020-10**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE STORMWATER  
MANAGEMENT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021, BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020  
AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2021**

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; and

WHEREAS, the Stormwater Management Board is adopting a revised equivalent residential unit of 2116 square feet, from 1228 square feet, based on the impervious area review study conducted by Black & Veatch in 2018; and

WHEREAS, staff will bring to the Stormwater Management Board recommendations for extending the fee structure to reflect per square feet impervious area for single family homeowners rather than a flat fee for possible adoption for FY 2022.

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

**SECTION 1.** For Fiscal Year 2021, 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. The base rate for the Stormwater Management fee shall be \$92.00, with an Equivalent Residential Unit of 2,116 square feet of impervious surface.

**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, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021. Said budget provides for an appropriation in the amount of \$713,696 for stormwater management activities.

SECTION 4. Use of Stormwater Management Fund balance amount of \$115,386 authorized to supplement other revenues and financing sources.

SECTION 5. 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 6. Should any section of this Ordinance be determined to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other sections.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall be effective July 1, 2020.

Adopted by roll-call vote this 20th day of May, 2020 as follows:

AYES: Stewart, Kovar, Dyballa, Kostiuk, Seamens, Smith, Searcy  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None