

Introduced by: Councilmember Small

First Reading: May 8, 2024
Second Reading: May 15, 2024

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
ORDINANCE NO. 2024-08**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025, BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024
AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025**

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 2025, a Stormwater Management fee shall be imposed on real property based on the revised the fee structure established in Fiscal Year 2022. 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, calculated to be 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 attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof is hereby adopted for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Said budget provides for an appropriation in the amount of \$779,040 for stormwater management activities.

SECTION 4. 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 5. Should any section of this Ordinance be determined to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other sections.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall be effective July 1, 2024.

Adopted by roll-call vote this 15th day of May, 2024 as follows:

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| AYES: | Searcy, Fulcher, Dyballa, Gibson, Seamens, Honzak, Small |
| NAYS: | None |
| ABSENT: | None |
| ABSTAIN: | None |