The proposed stormwater fee changes will be on the agenda for the following Durham City Council meetings:

Work Session, which begins at 1:00 PM on Thursday May 5, 2022; Monday night meeting, which begins at 7:00 PM on May 16, 2022. Both meetings will take place live in Durham City Hall, with remote participation available via Zoom.

The May 5, 2022 Work Session meeting will be held in person and will be accessible online. Instructions for access and participation are available at https://durhamnc.gov/1345/Watch-or-Comment-at-Meetings-Work-Sessio. Select the Work Session tab. The Work Session agenda will be published April 29, 2022 at https://www.durhamnc.gov/AgendaCenter/City-Council-4. A Zoom link with instructions on how to register to speak during the Work Session is available on the meeting agenda.

The May 16, 2022 meeting will be held in person and will be accessible online using the Zoom meeting platform. Register to speak at the hearing at: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_MzKCpcmBSNuj7k_XctbMIQ (Webinar ID: 811 5758 3322). You must register to speak by 2 p.m. on the day of the City Council meeting. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Instructions to participate in the meeting are available at: https://durhamnc.gov/3012/Public-Hearings-and-Notices

If you wish to submit written comments, you may send them via email to StormwaterRate@durhamnc.gov, via USPS to Public Works Stormwater Services, 3rd Floor Public Works, 101 City Hall Plaza, Durham, NC 27701, or via hand delivery to the City Hall Lobby, 101 City Hall Plaza, Durham, NC 27701, attention “Public Works Stormwater Rate”.

The public hearing and Council consideration of the proposed stormwater fee changes will occur at Council’s 7 PM meeting on May 16, 2022.

ORDINANCE TO REVISE STORMWATER RATES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DURHAM THAT:

Section 1: The Fee Schedule is changed by replacing existing Part 13C-102 in its entirety with the following:

Part 13C-102 (Stormwater services charges on developed land)

Services charges authorized by city code section 70-652 on developed land are:

(1) Residential units: $4.20 per month for residential units with less than 2,000 square feet of impervious surface; $8.70 per month for residential units with 2,000 square feet or more of impervious surface but less than 4,000 square feet of impervious surface; and $17.42 per month for residential units with 4,000 square feet or more of impervious surface.
(2) Residential customers are billed on an annual basis, unless a request for a billing schedule change from the property owner is received and approved by the Public Works Stormwater Billing Services Unit.

(3) Other residential and nonresidential land is charged $8.70 per month for each equivalent residential unit (ERU), which is defined in city code section 70-631. ERUs of less than 0.5 shall be rounded down and those of 0.5 or greater shall be rounded up to the nearest whole number. There is no service charge for non-residential property that contains less than 0.5 ERU of impervious surface.

Section 2: This ordinance is effective on July 1, 2022. (Proposed effective date, subject to City Council approval)