



STAFF REPORT

DATE: June 18, 2019

TO: Ronald L. Olson, City Manager

FROM: Danielle Singh, Executive Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Consider an ordinance amending Chapter 32, Article 1, Municipal Drainage Utility System, by providing for a rate model based on impervious cover.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The City of Killeen originally established the Municipal Drainage Utility System in October 2001. At that time, the drainage rates were based solely on classification of residential and non-residential zoning. The current drainage rate methodology was adopted in 2005. The current methodology is based on both zoning and parcel size. Drainage Rates have recently been successfully challenged in Texas courts where rates were not closely connected to the actual impact of each property on the drainage system.

THE ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

The alternatives considered were:

1. Use the current adopted drainage rate methodology as adopted in 2001 and amended in 2005.
2. Amend Chapter 32, Article 1, Municipal Drainage Utility System, of the official code of ordinances as written.

Which alternative is recommended? Why?

1. Staff recommends amending the ordinance as written. This alternative provides for an impervious surface based methodology to be adopted and uniformly applied to all drainage utility customers.

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

The proposed ordinance revisions conform to City policy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

What is the amount of the expenditure in the current fiscal year? For future years?

There are no expenditures required.

Is this a one-time or recurring expenditure?

N/A

Is this expenditure budgeted?

N/A

If not, where will the money come from?

N/A

Is there a sufficient amount in the budgeted line-item for this expenditure?

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the ordinance amending Chapter 32, Article 1, Municipal Drainage Utility System, by providing for a rate model based on impervious cover to be effective February 1, 2020, with the change in drainage fees to be reflected in the March 2020 water bill cycle.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Public Works

Finance

City Attorney

ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance

Sample Rate Comparisons