

Proposed Surface Drainage Utility System Fee Increases

Discussion Points with Businesses

Staff met with representatives of several of McKinney's customers with a significant amount of impervious surface. These larger customers will be among the most impacted by the proposed changes to the Surface Drainage Utility System fees. A summary of their comments is as follows:

Raytheon:

- Understood the need for funding
- They felt there is a difference between large commercial and residential properties with regard to the need for services. In other words, it is less likely that improvements would be required on their property as opposed to a residential property
- Recommended phasing in the fee over a few years, and possibly delay implementation of the fee increases to be able to accommodate the cost during their budgeting process

Baylor Hospital:

- This is a significant increase at one time
- Can their taxes, which are higher than others, offset the fee?
- This is not fair since Baylor has already installed improvements per the previous ordinance, and then they still have the increased fee
- Requested a postponement of the fee increase until their new budget year on July 1 and also recommended phasing in the fee increase

Encore Wire:

- Why should Encore fund the clean-up of other's property when they take care of the creeks on their property?
- The cap may make the ordinance reasonable and equitable
- They understand the need for more funding
- Recommend phasing in the fee
- \$400 to \$4,100 is too much
- Can't make it reasonable if it's unreasonable
- Encore would like to be on the next storm water committee

- Would rather get together with a group of the larger business owners and pay up front for items instead of the increased monthly fee
- Want a clear understanding of what surface drainage fee credits for which they may qualify