

## AGENDA



Thursday, August 27, 2009

**Watershed Protection Department  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 52**

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**Subject:** Approve an ordinance amending section 15-2 of the City Code relating to the Drainage Utility Fee for residential users in vertical construction.

**Fiscal Note:** There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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**Boards and Commission Action:** Recommended by the Environmental Board.

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The purpose of this City Code amendment is to reduce the drainage utility charge to equal one half (0.5) of one residential equivalent residential unit (ERU) per month for each small residential user in vertical construction, which is defined as a structure with seven or more stories of dwelling units.

In June 2009, the department completed the Multi-Family Differential Rate Study. This study determined that high rise residential construction results in significantly lower amounts of impervious area per dwelling unit compared to other residential parcels, although this type of construction typically does have a higher percent impervious cover. This amendment allows the drainage utility to reduce the monthly fee for those multi-family customers that have a significantly lower impact on the drainage system than the defined ERU.

There is no fiscal impact due to the reduced charge having been incorporated into the Fiscal Year 2010 Proposed Budget.