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AUSTELL PUBLIC WORKS
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STORMWATER USER FEE CHARGE INQUIRY REVIEW FACT SHEET

Applicability

This applies to all properties located within the City of Austell and covering the billing period beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015.

Stormwater User Fee Charge Review

A customer's Stormwater User Fee Charge is determined using the records from the City's utility billing database, aerial photographs, and field visits where necessary. Using this data, we have calculated the total impervious area of improvements such as buildings, pavements, sidewalks, etc. on your property. The Stormwater Utility has determined that 3,100 square feet as an Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) and all stormwater user fees are determined in terms of the number of ERUs.

The stormwater user fee is calculated as follows:

1. All single-family customers are charged a flat rate of \$60.00 per year.
2. Non-single family customers are charged \$60.00 per ERU per year for every 3,100 square feet of impervious surface.
3. Undeveloped properties are not charged a stormwater user fee.
4. Additions to any commercial or industrial building, including newly constructed parking areas, will have an impact on any increased fees.

All of the above fees are charged via the annual City property tax bill.

If a customer believes that their Stormwater User Fee was calculated incorrectly, the form on the reverse side can be completed to request a review of the fee and sent to the address at the top of this sheet. The review application may be e-mailed to publicworks@austellga.gov or faxed to (770) 944-4335.

Upon receipt of the request, the City will review your property's billing account data and conduct additional research (as necessary) to establish the correct amount of impervious area and the resulting stormwater user fee. The request for Stormwater User Fee Review includes permission for City personnel to enter the customer's property to verify and measure existing improvements. If the customer has been billed incorrectly, any fees received over the correct charge amount will be refunded. However, if the City finds that the account has been under charged, the Stormwater User Fee will be adjusted upward, and the customer will be responsible for the new fee. For more information, customers may contact City Staff at (770) 944-4325, option 4.

