



CITY OF HAMILTON STORM WATER RATES

While the Storm Water Management System is, organizationally, a Division of the Department of Public Works and not part of the City's Utility Systems, in many ways storm water management operations are like the other utility operations and billing for storm water management is performed through the City's utility billing infrastructure.

Storm water management activities are funded through the collection of storm water user fees, authorized by Hamilton City Council. This user fee is collected from all property owners within the City and is based upon Equivalent Residential Units (ERUs).

An ERU, as defined in the Codified Ordinances of the City of Hamilton, is “the average Impervious Area of all Residential Developed Property per Dwelling Unit located within the City.” Based upon this definition, an ERU was calculated to equal 2,536 square feet for the City. The City currently charges customers \$3.60 per month per ERU. Single-family, multi-family, commercial, industrial, institutional and other uses are charged, per month, based upon the number of ERUs at their location.

The Ordinances further define a “Dwelling Unit” as “a singular unit or apartment providing complete, independent living facilities for one or more persons including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation.” Therefore, all single-family, homeowners are charged 1 ERU, per month, on their home.

Based upon the specific circumstances of a property owner, the City may make adjustments or credits to the storm water user fee. Adjustments are made primarily due to incorrect information in the City's billing database for a particular property. Credits, which are more prevalent, are associated with the construction, operation, and maintenance of privately-owned storm water handling facilities that provide a calculable and beneficial impact to the City's storm water system.

Adjustments are available to both residential and non-residential customers; however, only non-residential customers can qualify for user fee credits. More information on the Storm Water Adjustment and Credit Policy can be viewed on the City's website at <http://www.hamilton-city.org/365/Storm-Water-Management>.