



BACKGROUND

The City of Margate, Florida is responsible for the management of the existing stormwater system, which has developed over a number of years for the purpose of collection, storage, treatment and conveyance of stormwater.

Based on the above, Ordinance No. 93-20 was adopted by the City Commission on July 15, 1993 establishing a Stormwater Management Utility for the City of Margate effective January 1, 1994.

The rate for one (1) Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) is \$10.02 or \$6.26 (for properties bounded on the north by Sample Road, east by the eastern city limits, south by Coconut Creek Parkway, and west by State Road 7) per month, effective January 01, 2020 and is subject to five (5) percent annual adjustment beginning October 1, 2020.

The cost of operating and maintaining the stormwater utility management system and the financing of existing and future necessary repairs, replacement, improvements and extensions thereof were allocated to the extent practicable in relationship to the benefits enjoyed and services received therefrom.

MAKING THE PROGRAM WORK

To make this program work, your City's Public Works Department needs your assistance. If you have specific concerns about stormwater issues or flooding problems that needs to be corrected, please contact the city. This information will be used to generate a database and develop a priority schedule for correcting these problems as funds are generated.

ORDINANCE No. 93-21 DATED: 07-15-1993
ESTABLISHING A MONTHLY FEE FOR THE
STORMWATER UTILITY

REVISIONS:

REV. # 1 – ORD. # 93-34 DATED 11-17-1993
REV. # 2 – ORD. # 94-17 DATED 09-20-1994
REV. # 3 – ORD. # 97-18 DATED 09-16-1997
REV. # 4 – ORD. # 98-12 DATED 09-14-1998
REV. # 5 – ORD. # 00-22 DATED 09-19-2000
REV. # 6 – ORD. # 01-20 DATED 09-20-2001
REV. # 7 – ORD. # 2006-12 DATED 09-20-2006
REV. # 8 – ORD. # 2007-20 DATED 09-19-2007
REV. # 9 – ORD. # 2008-21 DATED 12-10-2008
REV. #10 – ORD. # 2015-1500.617 DATED 10-28-2015
REV.#11 – ORD. # 2019-10 DATED 12-11-2019

CONTACT:

STORMWATER ISSUES:
Call Public Works Department at 954-972-8126

STORMWATER FEES:
Call Department of Environmental and
Engineering Services (DEES) at 954-972-0828

STORMWATER ORDINANCES:
Call City Clerk's Office at 954-972-6454



City of Margate

STORMWATER UTILITY PROGRAM

*Effective January 1, 1994
Last Rev.: January 1, 2020*

STORMWATER UTILITY PROGRAM

Why a Stormwater Utility?

Stormwater runoff causes water pollution to be conveyed into receiving lakes and canals. The runoff water from our streets, roofs, patios and driveways carries such items as oils, greases, metal compounds, fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides and a variety of other substances to our natural water bodies.

In addition to pollution control, stormwater runoff can contribute to flooding if the proper measures are not taken. With the advent of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regulations governing stormwater pollution, a utility is needed to oversee and control storm water pollution and flooding.

What is a Stormwater Utility?

This utility is an organization that provides operations and maintenance, which includes collection, treatment, and disposal, and provides dedicated revenue source. In addition, it is capable of addressing environmental regulations and mandates.

The stormwater utility improves the public health, welfare and safety of the community.

The stormwater utility fees apply to all developed properties, residential and non-residential, which includes those properties classified as non-profit or tax exempt for ad valorem purposes.

UTILITY RATES

Stormwater Management Utility Rates are based on an Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU), namely a single-family household.

Residential:

Each residential unit regardless of a residential classification will be designated as one (1) Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) for billing purposes. For FY 2020 the rate is \$8.66 per month per one (1) ERU. The rate for properties bounded on the north by Sample Road, east by the eastern city limits, south by Coconut Creek Parkway, and west by State Road 7 is \$5.41 per month per one (1) ERU.

Non-Residential:

Each non-residential customer will be charged a utility fee based on the number of ERU's calculated by the following formula:

$$* \text{ No. of ERU's} = \frac{\text{Total impervious area of each parcel}}{\text{Avg. impervious area of 1.0 ERU}}$$

The minimum fee will be based on one (1) ERU.

Undeveloped:

Stormwater fees will not be charged for undeveloped property.

* The impervious area of each parcel of property will be determined by the City. The statistical average of impervious area of an ERU is 2,382 square feet (2,078 square feet for the area for properties bounded on the north by Sample Road, east by the eastern city limits, south by Coconut Creek Parkway, and west by State Road 7).

BILLING

The stormwater utility charge will appear on your monthly utility bill. Those customers not on the water and sewer billing will be billed separately.

The stormwater utility fee will constitute a debt to the City for which the owner, tenant and/or occupant will be jointly and severely liable.

All stormwater charges are due when rendered, and if not paid within twenty (20) days thereafter, become delinquent, and water/sewer service may then, after five (5) days written notice, be discontinued.

INFORMATIONAL

The stormwater utility does not mean that property subject to stormwater fees will always, or at any time, be free from stormwater flooding or flood damage, or that stormwater systems capable of handling all storm events can be cost-effectively constructed, operated or maintained.

The utility does not reduce the need for obtaining flood insurance by the individual property owners.

