



City of Alexandria

New Stormwater Utility Fee Effective January 1, 2018

In May 2017, the City of Alexandria adopted a Stormwater Utility Fee to fund the City's Stormwater Management Program, including Chesapeake Bay cleanup mandates. The Stormwater Utility Fee requires all properties to pay and shifts stormwater management costs to the properties with greater impact on stormwater runoff. The fee will fund stormwater management more equitably than raising the real estate tax.

Every parcel of real property in the city that appears on the real property assessment rolls as of January 1 of each calendar year will be billed the Stormwater Utility Fee as a separate line item on their real estate tax bill per City Ordinance Sec. 5-6 and City Ordinance 5-6-230, et. seq., and consistent with the Code of Virginia §15.2-2114. In May 2018, all property owners will be billed for half of the 2017-2018 fee as a separate line item on the real estate tax bill, with the second half of the fee billed in October.

Stormwater Utility Fee Rate Structure

Single-family residential property owners will be billed flat fees based on the types of property they own. The fees for nonresidential and multifamily properties will be billed based on each property's total impervious area. Impervious area includes only hard surfaces on which rain falls. This exterior impervious area is viewed from above the property and includes hard surfaces such as driveways and roofs, which don't allow rain or snow melt to soak into the ground. Impervious area is different from the floor area, or interior square footage, of a home or other building.

- Residential flat-rate tiers
 - Condominium: \$19.60 due June 15, 2018
 - Townhouse: \$29.40 due June 15, 2018
 - Typical Single Family Home: \$70.00 due June 15, 2018
 - Large Single Family Home (impervious area greater than 2,800 square feet): \$116.90 due June 15, 2018
- Nonresidential: Will be calculated based on actual impervious area

View Your Stormwater Utility Fee Information

You can find the estimated annual Stormwater Utility Fee amount for an individual property online at: alexandriava.gov/Stormwater

The estimated fee is based on the adopted Fiscal Year 2018 Stormwater Utility Fee, which is reviewed annually and set by City Council to be effective on July 1 each year. Visit alexandriava.gov/Stormwater for more information on how to view your estimated Stormwater Utility Fee based on the FY2018 rate.

Petitions for Adjustment Must Be Filed Within 30 Calendar Days After Billing

To file for an adjustment to the Stormwater Utility Fee with the Director of the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services, you must submit a Stormwater Utility Fee Appeal and Petition for Adjustment Form within 30 calendar days after bills are issued in May 2018. This deadline is expected to be approximately June 14, 2018. Stormwater Utility Fee Appeal and Petition for Adjustment Forms will be available after May 15 on the City's website at alexandriava.gov/Stormwater, and at City offices at 2900-B Business Center Drive. Grounds for appeal are limited to those in Section 5-6-238 of the adopted ordinance. City Council does not hear Stormwater Utility Fee appeals.

Additional Information

For more information, please visit alexandriava.gov/Stormwater, call us at 703.746.HELP (4357), or contact the Stormwater Management Division at stormwater@alexandriava.gov.

