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City Council Seeks Public Comment on Possible \$1.00 Rate Increase for the Storm Water System

The Salt Lake City Council is seeking public comment on a possible rate increase in Storm Water fees for the Department of Public Utilities. The additional revenue would continue to fund a strong capital improvement program.

The City Council will take public comment on the proposal at its June 9 and 16 meetings, which start at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chamber in the City & County Building, 451 South State Street.

When the storm water fund was created within the Department of Public Utilities, a new storm water fee was established based on the surface area of properties throughout the City. The Storm Water Fund has not raised rates since the fee was established in 1991. The current rate for residential properties up to .25 acres is \$3.00 per month. The Council is considering an increase of \$1.00 per month. Other larger properties, such as multi-unit residential properties and businesses, pay the same \$3.00 per month for each 2,500 square feet of measured impervious area (rooftops, pavement, etc.).

The Department of Public Utilities maintains over 460 miles of storm-water pipe and collection lines using 26.3 employees. The storm water fund generally receives \$5.2 million in fee revenues, and spends approximately \$4 million on capital improvement projects every year. These capital projects generally include storm drainage collection line repair and replacements, and other capital projects related to infrastructure to handle storm water in the event of major storms and run-off. Additional funding would allow more of these same projects to be completed in the coming years, in addition to new projects related to streambed protection in riparian corridors. For more information, please visit the Department's website: http://www.slccgov.com/utilities/ud_storm_water_program.htm.

The Council is considering an effective date of January 1, 2010 to allow businesses and others time to budget and plan for the increase.

Besides attending the public hearing, people can comment on the proposal by contacting the City Council in the following ways:

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