

RESOLUTION NO. 22-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE DELIVERY AND FUNDING OF STORMWATER RELATED ESSENTIAL SERVICES WITHIN THE CITY, AMENDING THE STORMWATER UTILITY FEE; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Springfield, Florida (the City”) is committed to operating a stormwater management system as the City continues to grow; and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2017, the City passed Ordinance 537, establishing a stormwater utility for a stormwater management system that the City has operated and maintained since that time to provide for the collection and disposal of stormwater and regulation of groundwater; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 537 authorized the City Commission to establish just and equitable rates, fees and charges for the charges and facilities provided by the system to sites within the City; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 17-03 established a utility fee for Residential Developed Properties at a flat rate of \$1.00 per household per month assessed on the water bills sent by the City to users of that system; and established a utility fee for Non-Residential Developed Properties at a flat rate of \$5.00 per commercial, industrial, institutional, professional, and master-metered establishments assessed on the water bills sent by the City to users of that system; and

WHEREAS, due to rising costs in the operation of the City’s stormwater management system, the City must adjust its rates accordingly; and

WHEREAS, the City, through its home rule powers and the Florida Statutes, has the authority to impose a stormwater utility fee in the City, and finds that such fee has been duly authorized.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY. This Resolution of the City of Springfield, Florida (the “City”), is adopted pursuant to Ordinance No. 537, Sections 166.021 and 166.041, Florida Statutes, and other applicable provisions of law.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE. It is the purpose of this Article to provide for the recovery of costs from users of the City's stormwater management system for the implementation of the stormwater utility established by Ordinance 537. These charges and

fees relate solely to the matters covered by this Resolution and Ordinance 537 and are separate from all other fees chargeable by the City.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT OF STORMWATER UTILITY FEE. From and after the effective date of this Resolution:

The City does hereby levy and assess the following charges and fees, which are to be collected by and payable to the City, for services to users of the City’s stormwater system, which charges are hereinafter designated, and the said users shall pay for said services the sums so designated at the same time as the payment for water services shall be made as provided by the ordinances for the City and which charges shall be assessed upon the utility bill of all users, and the said user shall pay charges as hereinafter set forth as follows and which may be amended from time to time by the City Commission by Resolution:

- (i) Residential Developed Property, dollars per month or portion of each month\$3.00
- (ii) Non-residential Developed Property, dollars per month or portion of each month.....\$7.00
- (iii) Undeveloped Property, Reserved.

SECTION 4. REPEALER. Those portions of the Code of Ordinances and Resolutions contained in this Resolution which do not specify rates, charges and fees are neither modified nor re-adopted by this Resolution and are included for convenient reference only. All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of October, 2022.

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, FLORIDA



Ralph Hammond, Mayor

ATTEST:



Teresa Cox, City Clerk