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City Manager's Office

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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Bob Kindred, Assistant City Manager
DATE: April 10, 2009
SUBJECT: Storm Water Rate Increase

Attached is an ordinance codifying the \$.40 rate increase included in your adopted 2009-10 Budget for our Storm Water Utility. Approving this ordinance will increase the monthly bill from \$2.60 to \$3.00 for each utility customer account.

As was discussed during your annual budget deliberations, this increase is needed in order to maintain the solvency of our Storm Water Fund as we fulfill the EPA's Phase II Storm Water Regulations and become more active in education, public relations, capital improvements and regulation of storm water quality.

Staff is aware that the Council would like to consider an alternate methodology for assigning costs, perhaps with a fee based on the amount of impervious land on a lot. It is our hope that new aerial maps will enable us to evaluate this new methodology during 2009-10.

Encl.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AMES, IOWA, BY REVISING SECTION 28.802 AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION 28.802, THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF A STORM SEWER FEE CHANGE; REPEALING ANY AND ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH CONFLICT; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED, by the City Council for the City of Ames, Iowa, that:

Section One. The Municipal Code of the City of Ames, Iowa shall be and the same is hereby amended by revising 28.802 and enacting new Sections 28.802 as follows:

"SEC. 28.802. RATES ESTABLISHED.

The rate charged for the storm water drainage system provided to customers of City utility services to be billed on or after July 1, 2009, is as follows: each utility account which is billed for one or more City utility services, a monthly rate of three dollars (\$3.00) shall be charged, paid and collected as a rate for a storm water drainage system."

Section Two. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, if any.

Section Three. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law.

Passed this _____ day of _____, ____.

Diane R. Voss, City Clerk
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Ann H. Campbell, Mayor