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RE: Stormwater Utility Program

Since 2015, the City of Jamestown has been working toward creating a Stormwater Utility to provide a dedicated funding source for the operation, maintenance, and regulation of the City's stormwater drainage system. The City Council has held several public presentations to discuss various options.

Following the completion of a feasibility study, the Jamestown City Council established a Stormwater Utility to fund the operation, maintenance, and regulation of the City's stormwater management system. The stormwater system, including the streams, culverts, ponds, and stormwater infrastructure, is maintained and operated by several city departments, and is funded largely through the General Fund. A new monthly stormwater utility rate will assist in addressing ongoing stormwater management costs.

The City endeavored to create an equitable stormwater utility rate for all properties within the community that benefit from the use of the city's roads, drainage and other infrastructure. This stormwater utility rate will appear monthly on the city utility bill later in 2019 for all properties. If the property listed is a vacant lot, you will begin receiving a monthly utility bill on that property specifically for the stormwater utility.

The estimated amount of your property's stormwater utility rate is **[\$[monthly fee]** per month.

This rate is based on land use, the zoning, and the size of your property and the amount of impervious (paved) area on your property. Properties with greater amounts of pavement, roof and other impervious surfaces contribute larger amounts of pollutants and stormwater runoff from rain and melting snow to Jamestown's stormwater management system and to the cost of maintaining that system, the roads, culverts, streams, and ponds.

Please see the attached Stormwater Utility Program Frequently Asked Questions to learn more. If you still have questions about the monthly rate, please contact us at utilitybilling@jamestownnd.org or 701-252-5900. Thank you.

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