

CITY OF FOSTORIA, OHIO
STORM WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
SUMMARY OF THE STORM WATER UTILITY and CLEAN WATER COMPLIANCE FEES

On March 7, 2006, by Ordinance No. 2006-32 the Fostoria City Council amended Chapter 945 Storm Water Management System to include Storm Water Utility and Clean Water Compliance fees. Again, on June 20, 2006, by Ordinance No. 2006-71, Section 945.05 of Chapter 945 was amended to change the rate structure for the Storm Water Management System.

Chapter 945 of the Codified Ordinances established a storm water utility, storm water rates, clean water compliance fees and service charges. Monies collected from the storm water service charges are to be utilized *solely* for the management of storm water. Monies collected from the clean water compliance fee are to be utilized *solely* for the wastewater projects required by the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit or by Federal Court Order.

The Storm Water Management System was provided for the protection of public health, safety, and welfare and to conform with Federal, State and local laws and regulations that a system of charges for storm water service be established which allocates the cost of providing storm water service to each user in such a manner that the allocated costs are proportionate to the cost of providing storm water service to that user, insofar as those costs can reasonably be determined. Further, it is necessary that a clean water compliance fee be established which allocates in similar manner the costs of compliance with the NPDES permit and/or court order relating to wastewater.

Storm water service charges and the clean water compliance fee levied pursuant to this chapter shall be collected by the Water Department. The Safety-Service Director shall make and enforce such rules and regulations as deemed necessary for the safe, economical, and efficient management and protection of the City's sanitary/storm system; for the construction and use of sanitary/storm sewers and connections to the systems consistent with policies established by the Fostoria City Council; and for the regulation collection, rebating and refunding of the storm water charges.

A storm water service charge and clean water compliance fee shall be billed to the **owner** of each and every lot and parcel of land within the City of Fostoria that contains impervious area and contributes directly or indirectly to the sanitary/storm system of the City. This charge is not related to water and/or sewer service and applies whether or not the property is occupied. The storm water service charge and clean water compliance fee is to be billed as a separate bill. Property owners will have the option of paying the bill semi-annually or annually as indicated on the bill.

For single family (base rate) the storm water service charge will be \$20.68 per year and the clean water compliance fee will be \$60.84 per year for a total of \$81.52 per year. For two-family the charge will be 1.25 x the above base rate and three-family will be 1.5 x the above base rate. All other uses will be charged the base rate plus an additional charge calculated from an intensity factor and the gross area of the property. The factor will be multiplied and added to the base rate to determine the amount due. Questions concerning these charges may be directed to the City Engineer's office at (419) 435-9775.