

Effective July 1, 2024 – Stormwater Utility Charge



Dear Valued Resident and Commercial Customer:

Each Fiscal Year the Town of Swansboro adopts its operating budget on July 1. In July 2016, the Town of Swansboro implemented the Stormwater Management Utility and Enterprise Fund authorizing a stormwater utility charge for residential and commercial customers within the Town of Swansboro’s Municipal Town limits.

Fees collected for the fund are to be used to address the stormwater management needs of the town including, but not limited to, the construction, reconstruction, repair, enlargement, improvement, acquisition, maintenance, operation, administration, use of ditches, pipes, drains and other methods to control stormwater within the town’s jurisdictional area. Town staff annually develops a plan and budget for stormwater improvements based off the availability of funds. Unfortunately, not all needed improvements can be funded in one cycle, but please know that we will do our best to continue to improve these facilities.

The Stormwater Management Utility Service Charge and fee revenues shall be assigned and dedicated solely to the Stormwater Management Enterprise Fund in the Town budget and accounting system, which shall be and remain separate from other funds and shall be used only to fund identified Stormwater Management Program activities.

We hope that you have an opportunity to review the important accomplishments of the fund in its eighth year since inception. For updated information regarding the fund, please visit our web page at:

<https://swansboro-nc.org/stormwater-enterprise-fund/>

Effective July 1, 2024, an invoice will be mailed to you based on the following rate structure:

ADOPTED FY 24-25 STORMWATER FEE WITH APPLICABLE CREDITS

Residential Tier	Lump Sum Payment Credit of \$5 if received by 9/30/24	*Watershed Credit Credit of \$5 if received by 9/30/24
\$5.00/month or \$60/annual	\$55/annual	\$50/annual
Commercial (Based on impervious surface area)		
Minimum Fee \$5.00/month or .01/SF, whichever is greater	Lump Sum Payment Credit of \$5 if received by 9/30/24	*Approved BMP
<i>Example 10,000 SF of impervious surface = \$8.33/month or \$100/annual</i>	<i>\$91.67/annual</i>	<i>\$83.34/annual</i>

**Subject to the Adopted Credit Manual for Stormwater Fees*

Billings for the fee will occur on a semi-annual basis. For your convenience, the fee may be paid monthly or as an annual lump sum. (a credit for one-month's billing will be applied if full payment is received by the Town on or before September 30, 2024): The application for the Watershed credit can be found on the Town's website at:

<https://swansboro-nc.org/documents/stormwater-credit-manual/>

and should be submitted to the Town Manager for review.

An additional one-month credit may be applied for the residential owner if measures to mitigate the impacts of runoff are implemented per the Town of Swansboro Watershed Restoration Plan. Methods may include rain gutter downspout redirect, rain barrel, cistern, and permeable pavers equal in square footage calculated in determining fee. Commercial properties may qualify for a one-month credit for an approved stormwater BMP.

Commercial properties that implement Low Impact Development (LID) practices may apply for an additional credit reviewed by the Board of Commissioners subject to the Town's adopted stormwater ordinance and credit manual for stormwater fees. *For information and to obtain a copy of the manual and application, please contact 910.326.4428 or visit the Town's website at:*

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