



TO: Albany City Council

VIA: Wes Hare, City Manager
Jeff Blaine, P.E., Public Works Engineering and Community Development Director
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FROM: Mark A. Yeager, P.E., Utility Services Manager

DATE: October 19, 2016, for the October 26, 2016, City Council Meeting

SUBJECT: Amend Albany Municipal Code to Create a Stormwater Utility

RELATES TO STRATEGIC PLAN THEME: ● Great Neighborhoods
● A Safe City
● An Effective Government

Action Requested:

Staff recommends Council adopt the attached ordinance to amend the Albany Municipal Code to create a stormwater utility, establish a stormwater fund, and provide authority to impose a service charge.

Discussion:

City Council has been considering stormwater system needs, regulatory requirements, and funding alternatives for nearly two years. At the October 10, 2016, City Council Work Session, Council reviewed options for securing additional funding for the provision of stormwater services in Albany. Council confirmed their previous direction to pursue a two-step process of amending the Albany Municipal Code (Title 12) by ordinance to create a stormwater utility, establish a stormwater fund, and provide authority to impose a service charge. Adoption of the ordinance does not result in the implementation of any new fees for stormwater services. Following the adoption of the Municipal Code amendments, Council will, at a separate meeting, consider adoption of a stormwater rate resolution that establishes charges for stormwater services.

The attached ordinance is identical to the ordinance Council reviewed and approved in April 2016, with two minor changes. First, Section 12.30.20(3) has been modified to clarify the stormwater bill appeal process. Second, Section 12.30.30 has been modified to ensure compliance with Oregon public records law.

Budget Impact:

There is no budget impact at this time.

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Attachment

c: Kristin Preston, Wastewater Superintendent (via email)
Staci Belcastro, P.E., City Engineer (via email)
Jeni Richardson, P.E., Civil Engineer III (via email)
Jeff Babbitt, Senior Accountant (via email)