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VOBLIC HEARING.	STORM WATER ROGARAM	

City of Charlotte, City Clerk's Office

The Charlotte Storm Water Program Public Hearing May 19, 1998 at 6:30pm Issues and Answers

Question: Why is a storm water fee increase proposed?

Answer In the FY97 budget the Charlotte City Council approved a long term strategy to expand the Storm Water program and solve a variety of drainage problems. The strategy requires a series of increases in funding to support the following intratives

- Accelerate the pace of drainage system repairs to eliminate the backlog of the most severe problems in six years
- Growth in funding for neighborhood flood control projects
- Begin work on a fifteen-year goal to improve stream channels that are experiencing erosion
- Begin to make drainage improvements in coordination with other neighborhood improvements in targeted neighborhoods
- Begin in FY98 to make drainage improvements that facilitate City of Charlotte economic development goals
- Begin in FY99 a Storm Water Pollution Control program aimed at dams and ponds

Question: What is the fee going to be spent on?

Answer The City of Charlotte's Storm Water fee pays for all the repairs and improvements to the City's minor drainage system This system includes the channels and streams, culverts and pipe system on public and private property and in the street rights-of-way In FY99 the capital programs supported by the fee include

Flood Control Projects	\$9,000,000
Neighborhood Improvement	\$1,650,000
Economic Development	\$2,000,000
Channel Restoration	\$2,660,000
Repairs to Existing Drainage Facilities	\$9,961,279
Storm Water Pollution Control	\$500,000
	\$25,771,279

Question: What would the new fee be?

Answer The Storm Water fee is composed of three parts

- a Fixed charge is a part of all bills and covers administrative and billing expenses
- B The Major system fee provides funds to maintain an improve the named creeks and regulated floodplains throughout the County Mecklenburg County administers these programs
- C The Minor System fee provides funds for the City to work on the majority of the drainage system that includes channels, pipes, catch basins, and culverts on private property and in the street right- of-way

The following chart illustrates the increase for the different components of the monthly Storm Water fee paid by Charlotte single family homeowners

	Rates for FY98	Proposed Increase	Rates for FY99
City of Charlotte	\$2.57	.25	\$2.82
Mecklenburg County	.78	.00	.78
Fixed charge	.48	.00	.48
Total	\$3.83	.25	\$4.08

Rates for FY99 are effective July 1, 1998

Please remember:

If you have a flooding or drainage problem or just need more information just call one number:

336-RAIN

