

ORDINANCE NO. 25-006

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF AUBURN
CODE OF ORDINANCES
SECTION 18.14.050 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT USER FEES**

WHEREAS, the City has adopted ordinances and regulations to promote sound stormwater management practices for the protection of the environment and important public resources; and

WHEREAS, the City staff has undertaken the review of the City's Ordinances and fee structure for stormwater; and

WHEREAS, the City's consulting engineer has studied the current rate structure and recent amendments to it to confirm that the updated rate structure fairly and accurately reflects the impact and contributing impervious surface areas of the properties categorized herein; and

WHEREAS, some owners of undeveloped commercial properties and properties burdened with flood plain and other features limiting development have appealed to the City to reconsider portions of the ordinance based on particular circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds and concludes that minor modifications of the recently adopted fee structure are warranted;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN HEREBY ORDAINS that the following City Code Section 18.14.050 (D) is adopted as follows:

Any property owner of an undeveloped and undisturbed commercial, industrial, or multifamily parcel or a developed commercial, industrial or multifamily parcel exceeding 15 acres may petition the City for a reduction in the assessed Stormwater Fee based on the amount of flood plain or stream buffer protected area on such property. In addition, owners of parcels designated by the County for agricultural conservation use or designated by the State for wildlife habitat conservation may also petition for reduction in the assessed Stormwater Fee by providing certified copies of approved applications for such conservation uses. The application for reduction shall provide certified documentation from a professional engineer, registered landscape architect, registered forester certified soil scientist, or land surveyor of the actual impervious surface area, the area undeveloped and unimproved, the area of any flood plain or other undevelopable property and the area approved for conservation use as applicable. The City Administrator is authorized to adjust Stormwater Fees upon receipt of such certification to an amount accounting for the flood plain area, stream buffer area, or formally approved conservation use area.

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its adoption by the City Council.

All other and further ordinances and parts of ordinances shall remain in full force and effect.

If any portion of this Ordinance is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the rest and remainder of this Ordinance shall continue in full force and effect.

SO ORDAINED, this 10 day of July, 2025.



Richard E. Roquemore, Mayor



Joshua Rowan, Council Member



Robert L. Vogel, III Council Member



Jamie L. Bradley, Council Member



Taylor J. Sisk, Council Member

ATTEST:



Brooke Haney, City Clerk