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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Richard Meehan, Director of Public Works

Date: April 20, 2009

Subject: Stormwater Utility Fees, Credits, and Budget

Attached is the draft resolution for establishing the Stormwater Utility Fee and Fee Credits for the City. The fees and credits as presented are the same as has been used by Dekalb County in prior years. Since we have based our establishment of the Stormwater Utility on the basis of the assessment study prepared by Dekalb County, we cannot adjust the fees, either higher or lower, without performing our own system assessment which we have included in the 2009 budget.

In the following agenda item is the proposed budget for the Stormwater Utility. In the first year, we are anticipating the stormwater utility fee will generate revenue of approximately \$1.88 Million. Because we will only be operating the utility for at most 8 months in 2009, we do anticipate having an additional \$200,000 this year to put towards capital items that in future years is anticipated to be needed for operating and maintenance costs.

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STORMWATER SERVICE FEE RATES AND CREDITS TO THE STORMWATER SERVICE FEE

WHEREAS, Chapter 26 (Stormwater Utility) of the City Code of Ordinances authorizes and empowers the City Council of the City of Dunwoody, Georgia to determine stormwater service fee rates in the City of Dunwoody, so that the total revenue generated by said fees and any other sources of revenues or other resources allocated to stormwater management by the City Council shall be sufficient to meet the cost of stormwater management programs, systems and facilities; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 26 (Stormwater Utility) of the City Code of Ordinances authorizes and empowers the City Council of the City of Dunwoody, Georgia to determine credits to the stormwater service fee; and

WHEREAS, Given the projected cost of stormwater management programs, systems and facilities identified in the professional engineering and financial analyses performed by DeKalb County and obtained by the City, it is appropriate to adopt a stormwater service fee rate methodology and to charge service fees to properties and persons within the city in a manner that recovers the cost of programs, systems and facilities and other costs associated therewith; and

WHEREAS, The stormwater conditions reflected in the study conducted by DeKalb County and obtained by the City reflect the current conditions of the stormwater system in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, City of Dunwoody, Georgia, as the governing body of said City, that the following stormwater fee rates shall apply:

- 1) The stormwater service charge per equivalent Residential unit (ERU) shall be four dollars (\$4) per month.
- 2) All single detached dwelling lots shall be charged the rate applicable to one (1) equivalent residential unit.
- 3) All multiple dwelling lots shall be charged the rate applicable to one (1) equivalent residential unit times the number of dwelling units located on the property times an adjustment factor that adjusts the equivalent residential unit to equal the median impervious coverage of a statistical sampling of a single dwelling units within a multiple dwelling lot, which has been determined to be 0.7,
- 4) All other developed lands shall be billed for one (1) equivalent residential unit for each three thousand (3000) square feet of impervious surface or increment thereof on the property, rounded to the next highest tenth of an equivalent residential unit.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Stormwater service fee credits may total up to 40 percent of the service charge applicable to a property, and shall be granted in the following increments:

- (1) 10% credit for on-site systems or facilities sized and functioning to meet water quality in accordance with the City Code and the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual as may be updated or amended from time to time.
- (2) 10% credit for on-site systems or facilities sized and functioning to meet the channel protection in accordance with the City Code and the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual as may be updated or amended from time to time.
- (3) 10% credit for on-site systems or facilities sized and functioning to meet the overbank flood protection in accordance with the City Code and the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual as may be updated or amended from time to time.
- (4) 10% credit for on-site systems or facilities sized and functioning to meet the extreme flood protection properly as defined in the Statewide Stormwater Sizing Criteria for Stormwater Control and Mitigation [Georgia Stormwater Management Manual, Vol. 2 (Technical Handbook), section 1.3] as may be updated or amended from time to time.

SO RESOLVED by the City Council of City of Dunwoody, Georgia this ____ day of _____, 2009.

Approved

Ken Wright, Mayor

Attest:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk

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