

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-50

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LARGO, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 23, ARTICLE III, OF THE CITY OF LARGO CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING SECTION 23-155 TO INCREASE THE RATE CHARGED PER ERU FOR CALCULATING STORMWATER UTILITY FEES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS the City of Largo constructed, maintains, improves and operates a stormwater management system to benefit and serve the interest of public health and safety; and

WHEREAS a stormwater utility fee was created as a financing mechanism to provide a stable and dedicated funding source to pay for routine operating costs and minor improvement projects of the City of Largo's stormwater management system; and

WHEREAS, the City of Largo has prepared a study that determined an increase in the stormwater utility fee is required to cover the increased costs of effectively maintaining, improving and operating the City of Largo's stormwater management system.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of Largo hereby ordains:

Section 1. That the above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated by reference as the findings of the City Commission.

Section 2. That Section 23-155 of the City of Largo Code of Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 23-155. Rates and charges.

The rate to be charged per ERU shall be ~~\$10.70~~ \$12.84 per month. The rate shall be reviewed and, if necessary, adjusted annually in accordance with this article.

Section 3. That all ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and superseded.

Section 4. That it is the intention of the City Commission that each provision hereof be considered severable, and, if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected.

Section 5. That the provisions of this ordinance shall become effective on October 1, 2023, or as soon as possible thereafter, subject to the ability of the City's utility billing provider to implement the changes.

APPROVED ON FIRST READING _____

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON
SECOND AND FINAL READING _____

ATTEST:

CITY OF LARGO, FLORIDA

Diane Bruner, City Clerk

Louis ("Woody") L. Brown, Mayor

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

Alan S. Zimmet

City Attorney