



## MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: 10/01/2013

**REGULAR**

ITEM #: 15

**AGENDA ITEM:** Official List of Storm Water Appeals

**SUBMITTED BY:** Cathy Bendel, Finance Director

**THROUGH:** Cathy Bendel, Finance Director

**REVIEWED BY:** Dean Zuleger, City Administrator  
Adam Bell, City Clerk

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### **SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

- Introduction of Item..... Staff
- Report/Presentation.....Staff
- Questions from Council to Staff..... Mayor Facilitates
- Public Input, if Appropriate..... Mayor Facilitates
- Call for Motion..... Mayor & City Council
- Discussion..... Mayor & City Council

### **BACKGROUND AND STAFF REPORT:**

In the spring of 2012, City Administrator Zuleger proposed a Surface Water appeal review process in order to consistently determine what if any credits should be issued related to Storm Water.

At the time the City Administrator took on this project, there were 21 appeals which had been received but not reviewed. He handled each appeal personally to get a good gage on the review criteria and their applicability to determine what if any further enhancements needed to be made. After his review of the first 10 Storm Water appeals, he estimated that the annual revenue reduction due to these credits would be \$15k. At this same time, he drafted Ordinance #2012-057 which was adopted May 15, 2012 to formalize the review process and credit eligibility criteria.

All 21 appeal reviews have been completed resulting in total billing adjustments of \$38.9k; 80% of which were hardship related. The on-going impact is \$11k which is less than predicted by Administrator Zuleger.

Only two new official appeals have been received for the 2012 storm water billing; both being just base fees (\$50 each). There have been a few other inquiries but it appears unlikely that any further concessions will need to be made.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Continue to procedurally respond to all Storm Water appeal applications as outlined in Ordinance 2012-057. The recommended motion for this is as follows:

***“Move to continue to respond to all Storm Water appeal applications as outlined in Ordinance 2012-057.”***

### **ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Ordinance 2012-057
2. Storm Water appeal recap