

FRIDLEY CITY CODE
CHAPTER 216. STORM WATER DRAINAGE UTILITY
(Ref. 829, 1059)

216.01. STORM WATER DRAINAGE UTILITY ESTABLISH

The municipal storm sewer system shall be operated as a public utility pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 444.075 from which revenues will be derived subject to the provisions of this Chapter and Minnesota Statutes. The storm water drainage utility will be part of the public works department and under the administration of the public works director.

216.02. RESIDENTIAL EQUIVALENT FACTOR

A Residential Equivalent Factor (REF) is the ratio of the average volume of runoff generated by one (1) acre of a given land use to the average volume of runoff generated by one (1) acre of typical single family residential land use, during a standard one (1) year rainfall event.

216.03. LAND USE CLASSIFICATION

The REF values for various land uses are as follows:

<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>LAND USES</u>	<u>REF</u>
1	Cemeteries	0.25
2	Park Facilities	0.75
3	Single Family and Duplex Residential	1.00
4	Public and Private Schools, Community Center	1.25
5	Multiple Family Residential, Churches and Government Buildings	2.50
6	Commercial, Industrial Properties	5.00
7	Improved Vacant	As Assigned

216.04. STORM WATER DRAINAGE FEE

For the purpose of calculating storm water drainage fees, all developed one family and duplex parcels shall be considered to have an acreage of one-third (1/3) acre. The quarterly storm water drainage rate shall be set by Council Resolution. (Ord. 1059)

216.05. CREDITS

The Council may adopt policies recommended by the public works director, by resolution, for adjustment of the storm water drainage fee for parcels based upon hydrologic data to be supplied by property owners, which data demonstrates a hydrologic response substantially different from the standards. Such adjustments of storm water drainage fees shall not be made retroactively.

216.06. EXEMPTIONS

The following land uses are exempt from storm water drainage fees:

1. Public rights of way.
2. Vacant, unimproved land with ground cover.

216.07. PAYMENT OF FEE

Statements for storm water drainage fee shall be computed every three (3) months and invoiced by the finance department for each account on or about the tenth (10th) day of the month following the quarter. Such statement shall be due on or before the last day of the month in which the statement is mailed. Any prepayment or overpayment of charges shall be retained by the City and applied against subsequent quarterly fees.

216.08. RECALCULATION OF FEE

If a property owner or person responsible for paying the storm water drainage fee questions the correctness of an invoice for such charge, such person may have the determination of the charge recomputed by written request to the public works director made within twelve (12) months of mailing of the invoice in question by the City.

216.09. PENALTY FOR LATE PAYMENT

Each quarterly billing for storm water drainage fees not paid when due shall incur a penalty charge of ten percent (10%) of the amount past due.

216.10. CERTIFICATION OF PAST DUE FEES ON TAXES

Any past due storm water drainage fees in excess of ninety (90) days past due on October 1 of any year may be certified to the County Auditor for collection with real estate taxes in the following year pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 444.075, Subdivision 3. In addition, the City shall also have the right to bring civil action or to take other legal remedies to collect unpaid fees.