



January 15, 2021

NOTICE OF CHANGES IN STORMWATER DRAINAGE UTILITY FEE BILLING

Dear City of Duncanville Non-Residential Property Owner:

On 01 December 2020, the Duncanville City Council approved amendments to the Duncanville City Code of Ordinance, Chapter 22 – Drainage Utility. Due to limitations of the current water account billing system, the City was unable to assess stormwater Drainage Utility Fees for non-residential properties not associated with an active water account. As a result, a property with an impervious area but no active water meter (i.e. vacant building) was not assessed a Drainage Utility Fee for stormwater. In addition, it was challenging to accurately assess a property with multiple water meters servicing the parcel (i.e. shopping centers) using the current water account billing system. The Duncanville City Code amendments coupled with the improved software will help the City overcome these obstacles. Stormwater drainage utility fees fund City projects that maintain and improve the City's stormwater and drainage infrastructure to help prevent erosion, flooding, and many other environmental and public health and safety issues.

Under the adopted amendments, non-residential property owners (e.g., commercial, industrial, multi-family, etc.) will be assessed directly for the stormwater utility drainage fee. The annual Drainage Utility Fee may be paid lump sum, or you may request to pay the fee in twelve or less equal monthly payments. For the first year, the permit fee will be prorated to 30 September 2021. Non-residential water account holders will continue to be billed for stormwater on the water bill until Spring 2021. At that time, stormwater fees will be managed and collected by the city's Building Permit desk as an annual Stormwater Permit. The City may assess late fees if payments are not made by the due date and may place liens on commercial properties if payments are more than eighty-nine (89) days late.

Please visit www.duncanville.com/stormwater-fee for more information regarding Drainage Utility Fee implementation and to view a breakdown of the Drainage Utility Fees by non-residential parcel. For the remainder of Fiscal Year 2021 (ends 30 September 2021), you can anticipate your prorated share to reflect approximately 50% of the amount shown. For Fiscal Year 2022 (starts 01 October 2021), you will be assessed at 100% of the amount shown.

Please contact the Public Works Department at (972) 780-5008 or drainage@duncanville.com should you have any questions or feel that you have received this letter in error.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bryan G. Ramey II, P.E." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Bryan G. Ramey II, P.E.
Public Works Director