TO: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board of County Commissioners

DATE: 8/8/2007  FILE: CAO 07-2826

SUBJECT: Proposed Stormwater Management System Utility Ordinance
Final Public Hearing
BCC 08/21/07, 1:30, D.C.

It is recommended that the data herein presented be given formal consideration by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC).

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS:

This is the second public hearing on the ordinance establishing a Stormwater Management System Utility, a process that began in 2006. On December 19, 2006, the BCC passed a resolution authorizing the use of the uniform method for levy, collection, and enforcement of non-ad valorem assessments for the Pasco County stormwater-management system. The BCC additionally authorized Camp Dresser & McKee Inc. (CDM) to begin the calculation of equivalent residential units and development of proposed basin rates. This work was accomplished with the assistance of a Stormwater Utility Stakeholder Committee which was formed to advise the County Administrator on both a recommended level of service for stormwater and a recommended funding level and source.

On June 5, 2007, staff briefed the BCC on the results of the study and the recommendations from the stakeholder group. The proposal includes charging a utility fee against all developed property in the unincorporated areas of Pasco County. The impervious areas of developed property increase the amount of runoff, and activities on developed property can contribute pollutants to the runoff. Undeveloped property will not be charged a fee because undeveloped property generally absorbs stormwater. After the presentation, the BCC recommended a preferred funding level ($47 per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU)) slightly lower than the stakeholder group and directed the Engineering Services Department, in conjunction with the County Attorney's office, to prepare an ordinance creating a Stormwater Management System Utility for introduction to the BCC.

The ordinance will establish a stormwater utility, which provides the funding necessary to meet certain legal obligations of state and federal law regarding the water quality of stormwater. The utility fees will be assessed on an ERU basis. As directed by the Board at the July 10, 2007 ordinance introduction, all developed residential (single family, mobile homes and condos) parcels will be charged a flat rate of $47.00. All other developed property, classified as Non-residential property, will be charged a fee related to the amount of impervious area on developed property with the minimum fee being $47.00. The ordinance also establishes other exemptions and funding variations.

Staff and CDM presented the stakeholder recommendations and the ordinance to the Citizen's Ordinance Review Committee (CORC) on July 16, 2007. The CORC voted to recommend that the Board adopt the ordinance as presented including the $47.00 ERU rate. On July 24, 2007 a status report and the CORC recommendations were presented to the Board. At that meeting staff discussed adding a requirement to re-evaluate the level of service and capital improvement funding in three years, as recommended by the stakeholder committee. This change is located in new paragraph D in section 7. On August 7, 2007, we also recommended using an alternate billing method for government property. Under the new section 10 of the attached ordinance, Government property would receive a utility bill from the stormwater department rather than an assessment on the tax bill because failure to pay the assessment results in a lien and possibly a tax sale of the property. Neither remedy should be used against government property. As directed by the Board on August 7, we also added a new section 13 for liens for unpaid...
assessments. This provision is consistent with the county's other fee ordinances and is used by surrounding jurisdictions.

The Utility Fee for Residential Developed Property shall be based on the median amount of impervious surface on a residential lot in the County, which is known as an "Equivalent Residential Unit" or ERU. The median amount of impervious surfaces on a single-family residential lot shall be defined by Board resolution, as may be amended from time to time. Adoption of this final resolution establishing the ERU impervious area and the ERU rate is scheduled for September 10 at 6:30 p.m. in Dade City.

At the August 7 public hearing, the Board also directed staff to set a maximum rate for bona-fide agricultural properties. Based on Board discussion and information presented at the public hearing, the Board finds that bona-fide agricultural parcels (DOR codes 50 to 69) benefit the overall stormwater program in the County with the implementation of onsite conservation related activities, preservation of open space and pollutant reduction activities, and in general, these benefits increase as parcel size increases. To this end, we propose a cap of 1.2 ERUs, which is based on the average number of ERUs for all bona-fide agricultural parcels. Accordingly, the minimum ERUs for any Agricultural Developed Property will be equal to 1.0 ERU and the maximum ERUs will not exceed 1.2 ERUs. This rate cap will also support the public policy of promoting and preserving agricultural land uses, which are an integral component of the Pasco County community. The changes are contained in sections 2 and 7 of the ordinance and are shown on the attached markup copy. Other minor additions and deletions are identified on the markup copy of the ordinance.

Along with the ordinance, staff recommends that the Board approve the attached Stormwater Utility Fee Policies and Procedures Manual, which will be incorporated by reference into the ordinance. The purpose of this Manual is to describe the policies set forth by Pasco County concerning stormwater management fee credits and stormwater management fee adjustments provided for in sections 8 and 11, respectively, of the ordinance. Adjustments are provided to allow people to appeal the determination as to the amount impervious area on their nonresidential property, which is based on the Property Appraiser's data. Adjustments shall not be available for Residential Property because all such property shall be charged a flat rate fee, which is not based on the amount of impervious area of a particular parcel.

The Growth Management Department has prepared a memorandum (to be distributed) addressing the Ordinance's consistency with the adopted Comprehensive Plan. Staff recommends that the Board, acting as the Local Planning Agency, adopt the Growth Management memorandum as the recommendation to the Board as to the Ordinance's consistency relationship with the adopted Comprehensive Plan.

**ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS:**

1. Acting as the Local Planning Agency, adopt the Growth Management memorandum as the recommendation to the Board as to the Ordinance's consistency with the Comprehensive Plan, approve the Stormwater Utility Fee Policies and Procedures Manual, and adopt the attached proposed Stormwater Management System Utility Ordinance.

2. Direct revisions to the attached proposed Stormwater Management System Utility Ordinance.

**RECOMMENDATION AND FUNDING:**

The County Attorney's Office recommends that the Board of County Commissioners accept public comment, then approve alternative number one, and adopt the attached proposed Stormwater Management System Utility Ordinance by role call vote, authorize the Chairman's signature on same, direct Board Records to file a certified copy of the ordinance and the coding form with the Department of State within ten (10) days after enactment, retain one (1) original, and send one (1) certified copy to the County Attorney, New Port Richey along with a copy of the letter from the Department of State showing receipt of the Ordinance.

There will be a $47.00 annual impact on the cost of housing. No funding is required for this item.

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Attached: Stormwater Management Utility System Ordinance (redline and clean)
cc: Michele Baker, Assistant County Administrator
Bipin Parikh, P.E., Assistant County Administrator (DS)
James C. Widman, P.E., Engineering Services Director (EN)
Michael J. Garrett, Engineer III
Scott I. McClelland, Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc.
BY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ORDINANCE No. 07-18

AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR A
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM UTILITY, SPECIFYING TERMS AND
PROCEDURES FOR THE UTILITY; IMPOSING UTILITY FEES AND RATE
SCHEDULE; PROVIDING FOR FEE EXEMPTIONS AND CREDITS; PROVIDING
FOR FEE BILLING, PAYMENT AND PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR A
STORMWATER UTILITY FUND; PROVIDING FOR MODIFICATION THAT MAY
ARISE FROM CONSIDERATION AT PUBLIC HEARING; PROVIDING FOR
SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CONFLICT, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Pasco County is responsible to protect the safety and general welfare of the
citizens of Pasco County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 1, Florida Constitution (1968), and Chapter 125,
Florida Statutes as amended, the Board of County Commissioners of Pasco County, Florida, (the
"Board") has all powers of local self-government to perform County functions and to render County
services in a manner not inconsistent with general or special law, and such power may be exercised
by the enactment of County ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq., requires certain political
entities such as Pasco County, to implement stormwater management programs within prescribed
timeframes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq., the United
States Environmental Protection Agency has published proposed rules for stormwater outfall
permits; and

WHEREAS, Pasco County is responsible for the ownership, maintenance and expansion of
the existing stormwater system which has been developed over a number of years for the purpose
of collecting and disposing of stormwater; and

WHEREAS, Pasco County developed a Stormwater Utility Update Report in 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Report indicates that the present drainage system is inadequate to control
and manage stormwater runoff within Pasco County; and

WHEREAS, the Report has additionally concluded that it will be necessary and essential to
construct improvements and extensions to the existing drainage system to ensure that the collection
and disposal of stormwater within Pasco County adequately protects the health, safety, and welfare
of the citizens of Pasco County; and

WHEREAS, the county is authorized by the Florida Constitution and the provisions of Florida
Statutes chapter 125 and section 403.0893 to construct, reconstruct, improve, and extend

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stormwater systems and to issue revenue bonds and incur other debts if needed to finance in whole or part the cost of such systems and to establish just and equitable rates, fees and charges for the services and facilities provided by the systems; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and essential that Pasco County address the various environmental issues that will further burden its infrastructure requirements.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Board of County Commissioners of Pasco County, Florida, as follows:

SECTION A. RECITALS

The recital clauses set forth above are hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION B. CREATION OF PASCO COUNTY CODE STORMWATER UTILITY

Section 1. Authority

Pasco County is authorized by the Florida Constitution and the provisions of Chapter 125, Florida Statutes (F.S.), Section 403.0893, F.S., and Section 197.3632, F.S., to construct, reconstruct, improve, and extend stormwater utility systems and to issue revenue bonds and other debts if needed to finance in whole or part the cost of the Stormwater Management System and to establish just and equitable rates, fees, and charges for the services and facilities provided by the Stormwater Management System.

Section 2. Findings and Determinations

It is hereby found, determined, and declared as follows:

A. Those elements of the Stormwater Management System which provide for the collection, treatment and disposal of stormwater are of benefit and provide services to all real property within the unincorporated areas of Pasco County, including property not presently served by certain other elements of the Stormwater Management System.

B. The costs of operating and maintaining the Stormwater Management System and financing necessary repairs, replacement, improvements, and extension thereof shall, to the extent practicable, be allocated in relationship to the benefits enjoyed and services received therefrom.

C. Bona-fide agricultural parcels (DOR codes 50 to 69) benefit the overall stormwater program in the County with the implementation of onsite conservation related activities, preservation of open space and pollutant reduction activities, and in general, these benefits increase as parcel size increases.

Section 3. Definitions

For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following definitions shall apply: words used in the
singular shall include the plural, and the plural, the singular; and words used in the present tense
shall include the future tense. The word "shall" is mandatory and not discretionary. The word
"may" is permissive. Words not defined herein shall be construed to have the meaning given by
common and ordinary use as defined in the latest edition of Webster’s Dictionary.

"Bonds" means revenue bonds, notes, loans or any other debt obligations issued or incurred to
finance the Costs of Construction.

"Costs of Construction" means costs reasonably incurred in connection with providing capital
improvements to the Stormwater Management System or any portion thereof, including but not
limited to the costs of (1) acquisition of all property, real or personal, and all interests in
connection therewith including all rights-of-way and easements therefore, (2) physical
construction, installation and testing, including the costs of labor, services, materials, supplies
and utility services used in connection therewith, (3) architectural, engineering, legal and other
professional services, (4) insurance premiums taken out and maintained during construction, to
the extent not paid for by a contractor, for construction and installation, (5) any taxes or other
charges which become due during construction, (6) expenses incurred by Pasco County or on
its behalf with its approval in seeking to enforce any remedy against any contractor or sub-
contractor in respect of any default under a contract relating to construction, (7) principal of and
interest of any Bonds, and (8) miscellaneous expenses incidental thereto.

"Debt Service" means, with respect to any particular Fiscal Year and any particular series of
Bonds, an amount equal to the sum of (1) all interest payable on such Bonds during such Fiscal
Year, plus (2) any principal installments of such Bonds during such Fiscal Year.

"Developed Property" means real property which has been altered from its "natural" state by
the addition of any improvements such as a building, structure, or impervious surface. For new
construction, property shall be considered developed pursuant to this Ordinance: (1) upon
issuance of a certificate of occupancy, or upon completion of construction or final inspection if no
such certificate is issued; or (2) if construction is at least 50 percent complete and construction is
halted for a period of three (3) months.

"Director" means Pasco County Administrator or his designee.

"DOR Code" means Department of Revenue land use code as defined by Subsection 12D-
8.008(2)(c), Florida Administrative Code.

"Dwelling Unit" means a single unit providing complete, independent living facilities for one or
more persons including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation.

"Equivalent Residential Unit" or "ERU" means the median Impervious Area of Residential
Developed Property per Dwelling Unit (excluding DOR Codes 00 and 04) located within Pasco
County and as established by Board resolution as provided herein, and as may be amended from time to time.

"ERU Rate" means a Utility Fee charged on each ERU as established by Board resolution as provided herein, and as may be amended from time to time.

"Extension and Replacement" means costs of extensions, additions and capital improvements to, or the renewal and replacement of capital assets of, or purchasing and installing new equipment for, the Stormwater Management System, or land acquisition for the Stormwater Management System and any related costs thereto, or paying extraordinary maintenance and repair, including the Costs of Construction, or any other expenses which are not costs of Operation and Maintenance or Debt Service.

"Fiscal Year" means a twelve-month period commencing on the first day of October of any year.

"Impervious Area" means roofed and paved areas, including, but not limited to, areas covered by roofs, roof extensions, swimming pools, patios, porches, driveways, sidewalks, parking areas, graveled areas and athletic courts.

"Non-Residential Developed Property" means Developed Property that is classified by the Property Appraiser as land use types 03, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, and 10 through 99 using the Florida Department of Revenue (DOR) Land Use Codes, as amended or supplemented.

"Operating Budget" means the annual Utility operating budget adopted by the Board for the succeeding Fiscal Year.

"Operations and Maintenance" means the current expenses, paid or accrued, of operation, maintenance and current repair of the Stormwater Management System, as calculated in accordance with sound accounting practice, and includes, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, insurance premiums, administrative expenses, labor, executive compensation, the cost of materials and supplies used for current operations, and charges for the accumulation of appropriate reserves for current expenses not annually incurred, but which are such as may reasonably be expected to be incurred in accordance with sound accounting practice.

"Property Appraiser" means the Office of the Pasco County Property Appraiser.

"Rate Resolution" means the resolution adopted by the Board establishing the ERU Rate, and as may be amended from time to time.

"Residential Developed Property" means Developed Property that is classified by the Property Appraiser as land use types 00, 01, 02 and 04 (Vacant Residential, Single Family, Mobile Homes, and Condominiums) using the Florida Department of Revenue (DOR) Land Use Codes, Rule 12D-8.008(2)(c), Florida Administrative Code, as amended or supplemented.
"Revenues" mean all rates, fees, assessments, rentals or other charges, income or funds received by the Utility, in connection with the management and operation of the Stormwater Management System, including amounts received from the investment or deposit of moneys in any fund or account and any amounts contributed by Pasco County, all as calculated in accordance with sound accounting practice.

"Service Area" means all of the unincorporated areas of Pasco County.

"Stormwater Management System" means the existing stormwater management system of Pasco County and all improvements thereto which by this Ordinance are constituted as the property and responsibility of the Utility, to be operated from the Revenues received as a special revenue fund to, among other things, conserve water, control discharges necessitated by rainfall events, incorporate methods to collect, convey, store, absorb, inhibit, treat, use or reuse water to prevent or reduce flooding, over-drainage, environmental degradation and water pollution or otherwise affect the quality and quantity of discharge from such system.

"Undeveloped Property" means property which has less than 400 square feet of impervious area.

"Utility Fee" means a Utility Fee authorized by Florida law and this Ordinance which is established to pay Administration, Planning, Operations and Maintenance, Extension, Improvement, Construction and Replacement and Debt Service for the Stormwater Management System.

"Utility" means the special revenue fund utility created by this Ordinance to operate, maintain and improve the Stormwater Management System.

Section 4. Establishment of Utility
A. The Utility is hereby established by the Board to provide for the general welfare of Pasco County and its residents.
B. The Director shall be the Pasco County Administrator or his designee.

Section 5. Operating Budget
The Board shall adopt an Operating Budget not later than the first day of each Fiscal Year. The Operating Budget shall set forth for such Fiscal Year the estimated Revenues and the estimated costs for Operation, Improvement, Construction and Maintenance, Extension and Replacement and Debt Service of the Stormwater Management System.

Section 6. Required Levels of Rates for Utility Fees
The Board shall ensure that adequate Revenues are received to provide for a balanced Operating Budget by at least annually setting an ERU Rate that will generate sufficient levels of Utility Fees to limit the amount of funds from other sources, such as the General Fund, which...
would otherwise be needed to meet system requirements. The Board shall set the ERU Rates by resolution, as may be amended from time to time.

Section 7. Imposition of Utility Fees and Rate Schedule

The Board hereby imposes Utility Fees on all non-exempt property within the Service Area.

A. Property Classification. For purposes of determining the Utility Fee, all property within the Service Area shall be classified into one of the following classes:

1. Residential Developed Property (DOR Codes 00, 01, 02, and 04);
2. Non-Residential Developed Property (DOR Codes 03, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10 to 49, and 70 to 99);
3. Bona-fide Agricultural Developed Property (DOR Codes 50 to 69); or,
4. Undeveloped Property.

B. Computation of Utility Fee for Residential Developed Property. The Utility Fee for Residential Developed Property shall be based on the median amount of impervious surface on a single family lot in the County, which is known as an “Equivalent Residential Unit” or ERU. The median amount of impervious surfaces on a single-family residential lot shall be defined by Board resolution, as may be amended from time to time. The ERU Rate for Residential Developed Property shall be a flat rate of one ERU for all Residential Developed properties in the unincorporated area of Pasco County.

C. Computation of Utility Fee for Non-Residential Developed Property. The Utility Fee for Non-Residential Developed Property shall be the ERU Rate multiplied by the numerical factor obtained by dividing the total Impervious Area of a Non-Residential Developed Property by the amount of square footage of impervious area for one ERU. The minimum ERUs for any Non-Residential Developed Property shall be equal to 1.0 ERU.

D. Computation of Utility Fee for Bona-fide Agricultural Developed Property. The Utility fee for Agricultural Developed Property shall be the ERU rate multiplied by the numerical factor obtained by dividing the total Impervious Area of an Agricultural Developed Property by the amount of square footage of impervious area for one ERU. The minimum ERUs for any Agricultural Developed Property shall be equal to 1.0 ERU and the maximum ERUs shall not exceed 1.2 ERUs.

E. Rate Structure and Level of Service

Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is specifically authorized that if the Board, when setting the annual utility fee rates, determines that any portion of the service area receives a distinct special benefit from any component of stormwater management system improvements that is different in kind or degree from the special benefit received by other portions of the service area, the Board may set utility fee rates for such portion that differ from the rates otherwise determined.
improvement cost related to such component may be assessed against the portion of the service area receiving the distinct special benefit. Additionally, prior to adopting the rate resolution in calendar year 2010, the Board shall evaluate the level of funding for capital improvements and other program components and whether to allocate capital improvement costs on a sub-area or basin specific basis.

Section 8. Exemptions and Credits

A. Exemptions. The following areas on Developed Property will not be counted as part of the impervious areas of the Developed Property:

1. Railroads;
2. Public Roads (including Federal, State, County and City);
3. Public Airport Taxiways and Runways; and,
4. Open Water.

B. Exempt Property. Undeveloped Property is exempt from the Stormwater Utility Fee.

C. Credits. The county recognizes that some developed properties subject to the Utility Fee have constructed and currently operate and maintain stormwater facilities that can reduce stormwater runoff impacts from the subject property and reduce the burden on the county to maintain, operate and provide capital improvements to the stormwater management system. Additionally, the county recognizes that some property owners may wish to mitigate the Stormwater Utility Fee by constructing and maintaining a stormwater facility that will reduce the impact of the subject property. The credit granted to the utility customer shall be as defined by the "Stormwater Assessment Policies and Procedures Manual" adopted by Board resolution, as may be amended from time to time, and which is incorporated herein by reference.

Section 9. Billing and Payment, Penalties

A. The Board held a duly noticed public hearing on December 19, 2006, and adopted Resolution No. 07-78 giving notice of its intent to utilize the Uniform Method of Collection and to place the Utility Fee on the Tax Bill as a non-ad valorem assessment pursuant to section 197.3632, F.S.

B. The Board does hereby determine that the best interests of the citizens of Pasco County would be served by placing the Utility Fee on the Tax Bill, and the Board shall hold a public hearing between June 1 and September 15, of each year, to adopt a non-ad valorem assessment roll as required and provided by section 197.3632(4), F.S., and give all statutory notices for the hearing. The Board shall adopt a Rate Resolution setting the ERU Rate prior to adopting the non-ad valorem assessment roll. The Rate Resolution may be considered prior to adopting the non-ad valorem assessment roll.
at the same public hearing set to adopt the roll.

C. The collection of the Utility Fee shall be subject to all collection provisions as a non-ad valorem special assessment as set forth in Chapter 197, F.S., including provisions relating to discount for early payment, prepayment by installment method, deferred payment, penalty for delinquent payment, and issuance and sale of tax certificates and tax deeds for nonpayment, as provided by law. The Utility Fee may become a lien against homesteads, as well as other property, as provided in Section 4, Article X, Florida Constitution.

D. In the event the Board determines to no longer place the Utility Fee on the Tax Bill it shall establish an alternative method of collection.

Section 10. Government Property

A. For stormwater utility fees imposed against governmental property, the County shall provide stormwater utility bills by first class mail to the owner of each affected parcel of government property. The bill or accompanying explanatory material shall include:

1. A brief explanation of the stormwater fee;
2. A description of the ERU rate used to determine the amount of the stormwater fee;
3. The number of ERUs contained within the parcel;
4. The total amount of the parcel's stormwater fee for the appropriate period;
5. The location at which payment will be accepted; and
6. The date on which the stormwater fee is due.

B. Stormwater fees imposed against governmental property shall be due on the same date as all other stormwater fees and, if applicable, shall be subject to the same discounts for early payment.

C. A stormwater fee shall become delinquent if it is not paid within 30 days from the date any installment is due. The County shall notify the owner of any government property that is delinquent in payment of its stormwater fee within 60 days from the date such fee was due. Such notice shall state in effect that the County will initiate a mandamus or other appropriate judicial action to compel payment.

D. All costs, fees and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees and title search expenses, related to any mandamus or other action as described herein shall be included in any judgment or decree rendered therein. All delinquent owners of government property against which a mandamus or other appropriate action is filed shall be liable for an apportioned amount of reasonable costs and expenses incurred by the County, including reasonable attorneys' fees, in collection of such delinquent stormwater fees, and any other
costs incurred by the County as a result of such delinquent stormwater fees, including, but not limited to, costs paid for draws on a credit facility, and the same shall be collectible as a part of, or in addition to, the costs of the action.

E. As an alternative to the foregoing, a stormwater fee imposed against government property may be collected on the bill for any utility service provided to such governmental property. The Board may contract for such billing services with any utility not owned by the County.

Section 11. Adjustment of Fees

A. Adjustments shall not be available for Residential Property because all such property shall be charged a flat rate fee, which is not based on the amount of impervious area for a particular parcel. For Nonresidential Property, requests by owners of real property for adjustment of the Utility Fee shall be submitted to the Director, who is hereby authorized to develop and administer the procedures and standards for the adjustment of fees as established herein. All requests shall be judged on the basis of the amount of impervious area on the site. No credit shall be given for the installation of facilities required by Pasco County development codes or State Stormwater Rules. The following procedures shall apply to all adjustment requests of the Utility Fee:

1. Any owner who has paid his Utility Fee and who believes his Utility Fee to be incorrect may, subject to the limitations set forth in this article, submit an adjustment request to the Director.

2. Adjustment requests for Utility Fees paid by an owner must be in writing and shall set forth, in detail, the grounds upon which relief is sought.

3. Adjustment requests must be made within sixty (60) days after opening of the Tax Roll for collection and each request shall be initially be reviewed by the Director within a four (4) month period from the date of filing of the adjustment request. Adjustments resulting from such request shall be retroactive to the beginning of the Fiscal Year in which the owner is requesting an adjustment.

4. The owner requesting the adjustment may be required, at his own cost, to provide supplemental information to the Director including, but not limited to, survey data approved by either a registered professional land surveyor (R.P.L.S.) and engineering reports approved by a professional engineer (P.E.). Failure to provide such information may result in the denial of the adjustment request.

5. Adjustments to the Utility Fee will be made upon the granting of the adjustment request in writing by the Director. Denials of adjustment requests shall be made in writing.
writing by the Director.

B. Consideration by the Director of the owner's request for adjustment shall not relieve the owner of the obligation to make timely payment of the Utility Fee. In the event an adjustment is granted by the Director which decreased the Utility Fee, the owner shall be entitled to a credit or refund as applicable of excess Utility Fees paid.

C. Upon receipt of the written denial of the adjustment request, the owner who initially requested the adjustment may, within thirty (30) days of receipt of such denial, appeal to the Board for review of the denial.

1. The Board shall complete their review within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the request for review. The Board's determination on the review shall be in writing and set forth in detail the reasons for their decision.

2. In reviewing denials of adjustment requests, the Board shall apply the standards and review criteria contained in this Ordinance.

D. Any errors in the Utility Fee or failure to charge a Utility Fee may be corrected by the Director within sixty (60) days after opening of the Tax Roll for collection. Corrections which result in an increase in the Utility Fee cannot be imposed until the owner has consented in writing to the increase or has been given at least ten (10) days notice by certified mail and an opportunity to be heard by the Board. Once the Utility Fee is finalized, the Director shall send documentation reflecting the adjustment to the owner and the documentation will also be sent to the Tax Collector.

E. Any errors in the Utility Fee due to errors or corrections in the Property Appraiser's data found after 12 months or less from the date after opening of the Tax Roll for collection shall be corrected by the Director within sixty (60 days) of notice from the Property Appraiser and the Director shall send documentation reflecting the adjustment to the owner and the Tax Collector. If the error results in an over-assessment of the utility fee, then the over-assessment will be credited or refunded (as applicable) for the period from the previous tax certificate. If the error results in an under-assessment of the utility fee, the corrected fee will be assessed starting from the subsequent Non-ad Valorem Assessment Roll.

Section 12. Stormwater Management Utility Fund

There shall be established a Utility fund for the deposit of all fees and charges collected by the Utility. These funds shall be for the exclusive use of the Utility, including but not limited to the following:

A. Administrative costs associated with the management of the Utility.

B. Planning and Engineering.
C. Operation and Maintenance of the Stormwater Management System.

D. Funding of pollution abatement devices constructed on stormwater systems discharging to the surface waters of Pasco County.

E. Debt Service financing.

F. Extension and Replacement costs.

G. Construction of flood control and water quality projects.

Section 13. Liens of Stormwater Fees

Upon adoption of the annual Stormwater Rate Resolution for each fiscal year, stormwater fees to be collected under the Uniform Method of Collection of section 197.3632, F.S., shall constitute a lien against assessed property equal in rank and dignity with the liens of all state, county, district or municipal taxes and other non-ad valorem assessments. Except as otherwise provided by law, such lien shall be superior in dignity to all other prior liens, titles and claims, until paid. The lien shall be deemed perfected upon adoption by the Board of the annual Stormwater Rate Resolution and shall attach to the property included on the stormwater roll as of the prior January 1, the lien date for ad valorem taxes.

SECTION C. SEVERABILITY

It is declared to be the intent of the Board of County Commissioners of Pasco County, Florida, that if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or provision, of this ordinance shall be declared invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall be construed as not having contained said section, subsection, sentence, clause, or provision, and shall not be effected by such holding.

SECTION D. REPEALER

All provisions of the Code of Pasco County, as amended, and ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of any conflict.

SECTION E. CONFLICT

To the extent of any conflict between any other County ordinances and this Ordinance, this Ordinance shall be deemed to be controlling. This Ordinance shall govern in the event of a conflict between this ordinance and prior development permits/orders.

SECTION F. MODIFICATION

It is the intent of the Board of County Commissioners that the provisions of this ordinance may be modified as a result of considerations that may arise during public hearings. Such modifications shall be incorporated into the final version of the ordinance adopted by the Board and filed by the Clerk of the Board pursuant to Section H.

SECTION G. INCLUSION IN THE CODE

It is the intent of the Board of County Commissioners that the provisions of this

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Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Pasco County Code, Chapter 94.

SECTION H. EFFECTIVE DATE

A certified copy of this ordinance shall be filed with the Department of State by the Clerk to the Board within ten (10) days of adoption. This ordinance shall become effective upon filing with the Department of State.

PASSED AND ORDAINED AS AN ORDINANCE this 20th day of August, 2007.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA

JED PITTMAN, CLERK
ANN HILDEBRAND, CHAIRMAN

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM AND SUFFICIENCY
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

APPROVED
AUG 21, 2007
STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF PASCO:

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared Jessica Attard who on oath says that she is Legal Clerk of the Pasco Times a daily newspaper published at Port Richey, in Pasco County, Florida: that the attached copy of advertisement, being a Legal Notice in the matter of RE: Notice of Change in Pasco County Code was published in said newspaper in the issues of August 8, 2007.

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GROWTH MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT CONSISTENCY REPORT

PURPOSE: Review of Proposed Stormwater Management System Utility Ordinance

The Growth Management Department staff has reviewed the currently adopted Pasco County Comprehensive Plan (January 2007) as it relates to the proposed amendments to the Pasco County Land Development Code. The findings of the Growth Management Department staff are discussed below.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE:

An ordinance to amend the Pasco County Land Development Code to provide for a stormwater management system utility, specifying terms and procedures for the utility; imposing utility fees and rate schedule; providing for fee exemptions and credits; and providing for a stormwater utility fund.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the ordinance is as follows:

1. Advance the safety, health and general welfare of the citizens of Pasco County.
2. Provide for necessary and essential improvements and extensions to the existing drainage system.
3. Provide financing in whole or part for the cost of such systems.
4. Establish just and equitable rates, fees and charges for the services and facilities provided by the systems.

Pursuant to Florida Statutes (F.S.), Chapter 163, each local government shall prepare a comprehensive plan. The adopted comprehensive plan shall meet the minimum criteria of Chapter 9J-5 which includes Goals, Objectives, and Policies. F.S., Chapter 163, also requires each local government to adopt or amend and enforce Land Development Code regulations that are consistent with and implement the adopted plan. The Land Development Regulation Commission (LDRC) must review and make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) as to the ordinance's consistency relationship with the adopted Comprehensive Plan.

The amendments to the Land Development Code have been reviewed for consistency with the applicable Goals, Objectives, and Policies of the adopted Pasco County Comprehensive Plan and, in particular, the following Goals, Objectives, and Policies:

Chapter 2: Future Land Use Element

GOAL 1: FOUNDATION FOR GROWTH MANAGEMENT

Implement the County's Future Land Use Plan to achieve an appropriate balance between public and private interest in the:

1. Protection of the environment;
2. Creation of favorable economic conditions;
3. Provision of affordable housing;
4. Provision of adequate services and facilities;
5. Maintenance of established residential neighborhoods;
6. Protection of rural and agricultural areas;
7. Provision of high quality, aesthetically designed roadways; and
8. Protection of private property rights.

Chapter 3: Conservation Element

Policy CON 1.6.4 Water Quality and Drainage Control

Pasco County shall continue to require water quality and drainage control for all new subdivisions and site plans adjacent to water bodies to prevent unnecessary shoreline disruption and maintain water quality through existing Land Development Code provisions which requires, at a minimum:

a. Approvals for all water quality and drainage control activities in waters and wetlands; and
b. The protection of Category I wetlands.

Chapter 4: Coastal Element

Policy COA 1.2.1 Stormwater Management System Requirements

Pasco County shall require all activities permitted and monitored by the Florida Department of environmental Protection and the Southwest Florida Water Management District as a source of water pollution within the Coastal Planning Area to establish and implement a stormwater management system that complies with Chapters 62 and 40D-4, Florida Administrative Code, except where developments are located within Basins of Special concern where the County may apply additional and more stringent stormwater regulations as set forth in the Public Facilities Element in the Comprehensive Plan and the Land Development Code. Pasco County may formulate an appropriate alternative management strategy if the Board of County Commissioners determines other standards are warranted based upon an appropriate study.

Chapter 6 Housing Element

OBJECTIVE 4.2 Neighborhood Facility and Service Standards

Maintain uniform public-facility and service standards for all neighborhoods.

Chapter 10: Public Facilities Element – Drainage and Groundwater Recharge

Goal 5: REDUCE EXISTING AND AVOID FUTURE FLOODING PROBLEMS AND IMPROVE SURFACE WATER QUALITY IN PASCO COUNTY.

OBJECTIVE DGR 5.7 Stormwater Utility
Develop a stormwater-funding program to address storm-drainage improvements in Pasco County.

Policy DGR 5.7.1 Correction of Existing Deficiencies in Public Drainage Facilities

Pasco County shall conduct studies to identify potential solutions to drainage deficiencies and seek funding sources to correct existing deficiencies.

Policy DGR 5.7.3 Allocation of Funds for Public Drainage Projects

Pasco County shall allocate funds for public-drainage projects in areas that have had a detailed, stormwater study prepared. Drainage studies shall define the flooding and water-quality problems, provide a prioritized list of solutions to the problems, and estimate the cost of the necessary improvements.

Policy DGR 5.7.4 Stormwater Utility Evaluation

By 2007, the County will initiate the evaluation of a countywide program for stormwater management, which shall include the evaluation of the use of a stormwater utility.

STAFF FINDINGS:

The Growth Management Department staff finds the proposed Stormwater Management System Utility Ordinance, amending the Pasco County Land Development Code, to be consistent with the adopted Pasco County Comprehensive Plan based upon the Goals, Objectives, and Policies cited above and recommends that the LDRC incorporate this finding as its recommendation to the BCC as to the ordinance's consistency with the Pasco County Comprehensive Plan.

Samuel P. Steffey II  
Growth Management Administrator

8/17/07  
Date

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STATE OF FLORIDA
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Notice of Change in Pasco County Code

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Pasco County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on August 7, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. at the Historic Pasco County Courthouse, Board Room, 2nd Floor, 37918 Meridian Avenue, Dade City, Florida 33525.

Pasco County proposes to adopt the following ordinance:

AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED
AN ORDINANCE OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR A STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM UTILITY, SPECIFYING TERMS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE UTILITY; IMPOSING UTILITY FEES AND RATE SCHEDULE; PROVIDING FOR FEE EXEMPTIONS AND CREDITS; PROVIDING FOR FEE BILLING, PAYMENT AND PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR A STORMWATER UTILITY FUND; PROVIDING FOR MODIFICATION THAT MAY ARISE FROM CONSIDERATION AT PUBLIC HEARING; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CONFLICT, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Any person who wants to appeal any decision made by the Pasco County Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at any meeting or hearing will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Information concerning this matter will be on file and available for examination in the Office of the Design/Stormwater Management Division, 4454 Grand Boulevard, New Port Richey, Florida, or at the Pasco County website www.pascocountyfl.net under "Commission Agenda" or "Drafts of Proposed and Adopted Ordinances".

All interested parties are encouraged to attend said public hearing and be heard.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice, please contact the Consumer Affairs Section, West Pasco Government Center, 7530 Little Road, New Port Richey, Florida, at 727-847-8110 (V) in New Port Richey; 352-521-4274, extension 8110 (V) in Dade City; and 800-955-8771 if you are hearing impaired.

The area affected by the proposed Ordinance is the unincorporated area of Pasco County as shown on the below map.
NOTICE OF CHANGE IN PASCO COUNTY CODE

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed for filing purposes are certified copies of Ordinance 07-18 and 07-19, which were approved at the Pasco County Board of County Commissioners meeting of August 21, 2007. Certified copies have also been sent to the Secretary of State.

Should there be any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Board Records/Secretarial Services Department at 14236 6th Street, Suite 201, Dade City, Florida 33523 or call (352) 521-4274 extension 4345.

Sincerely,

JED PITTMAN
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Deputy Clerk

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Enclosure

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August 24, 2007

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Liz Cloud, Program Administrator
R.A. Gray Building
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Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

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JED PITTMAN
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: [signature]  
Deputy Clerk

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MEETING DATE: AUGUST 21, 2007
BOARD ACTION: APPROVAL
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