

Public Works Department

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Re: 2023 Surface Water Management Fee

Property Owner or Current Resident Address City, State Zip

Dear Resident,

We hope this letter finds you well. We wanted to inform you that there will be an increase in your annual stormwater fee for 2023, which funds the City's Stormwater Utility program. The increase was approved by City Council on November 2nd, 2022 as a result of the 2022 Stormwater Rate Study. The fee is necessary to fund improvements to our stormwater infrastructure and to continue operating programs to comply with state and federal regulations. Although this is a City utility fee, the City contracts with King County to collect it through your property tax bill which can be viewed online at http://payment.kingcounty.gov.

The stormwater rate for 2023 is \$420.75 per equivalent service unit (one residential parcel, or 3,500 square feet for non-residential properties). This is an increase from the 2022 rate of \$396.00. This rate applies to single-family residences and other developed parcels with impervious surfaces that contribute to stormwater runoff as codified by the Sammamish Municipal Code 21.03.050.E.4 (such as driveways, roofs, and patios).

Staff conducted a thorough review of the parcel database and found several parcels to include for billing this year. These include areas such as jointly owned recreation and play areas with impervious surfaces. If you have any questions or concerns about your stormwater billing, please visit our website at <u>www.sammamish.us/stormwater</u> or contact <u>stormwateradmin@sammamish.us</u>.

Certain exemptions and deferrals are available for those that qualify. If you are interested, please inquire with the King County Treasury Operations customer service at (206) 263-2890 or propertytax.customerservice@kingcounty.gov.

We also want to remind you that by paying your stormwater bill, you are helping to protect our community's water resources and prevent flooding. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Stephanie Sullivan, P.E., M. ASCE Senior Stormwater Program Manager

Cc: Audrie Starsy, Interim Public Works Director Communications Department King County Assessor's Office