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Property Owner,

The City of Port Orchard has been discussing a Storm Drainage Utility for approximately ten years. We have now received a Federal mandate to comply with certain storm drainage and surface water management requirements and regulations. After several public meetings and hearings the Port Orchard City Council established a Storm Drainage Utility on October 14, 2008 and set rates on November 25, 2008 to be effective January 1, 2009.

For single family residential accounts the monthly service charge is \$7.00, which is \$14.00 on a bi-monthly bill. For all duplexes and triplexes, the monthly service charge is \$7.00 for each residential unit. This first bill reflects three months (January-March) of charges for storm drainage.

For all other developed property, including but not limited to multifamily and commercial accounts, the monthly service charge shall be \$7.00 per impervious surface unit (ISU). An ISU equals 3,000 square feet of impervious ground cover. The City has used the Kitsap County Assessor's records to obtain the acreage of your property and convert that data to square feet. For the first 12 months, it is presumed that 85 percent of the property is impervious surface. During this 12 month period the City will be conducting an actual inventory of impervious surface on parcels to adjust future billings. If you own property that falls into this category and choose to conduct your own inventory of impervious surface before the City does, you may fill out the Storm Drainage Utility Rate Variance Request Form on the reverse side.

If you choose to submit a Storm Drainage Utility Rate Variance Request you may return it with your utility payment, mail it to City of Port Orchard, Attn: Storm Drainage Utility, 216 Prospect St., Port Orchard, WA 98366 or drop the request off in the Engineering Department on the second floor of City Hall. If you need additional forms, they may be found on our web site at www.cityofportorchard.us by going to Municipality: Departments: Public Works: Forms. If the City receives your Variance Request within the first five weeks of your billing period, any change will be reflected on the next bill. The data you provide will be verified by our Engineering Department.

Examples of Storm Drainage Bill:

In making the calculation fractions shall be rounded to the nearest whole number.

One half acre = 21,780 square feet X 85% = 18,513 sq. ft. divided by 3,000 sq. ft. = 6.17 or 6 ISU
6 ISU X \$7.00 = \$42.00 per month = \$84.00 per bi-monthly billing

One acre = 43,560 square feet X 85% = 37,026 sq. ft. divided by 3,000 sq. ft. = 12.34 or 12 ISU
12 ISU X \$7.00 = \$84.00 per month = \$168.00 per bi-monthly billing

If you have questions regarding your bill or storm drainage calculations please call 876-5139.

Thank You,
City of Port Orchard