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**CITY OF PORT ORANGE TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED  
STORMWATER UTILITY FEE FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2017**

**PORT ORANGE, FL** — The City of Port Orange will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm in the City Council Chambers to propose an increase of twenty percent to the existing Stormwater Utility Fee for the fiscal year beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. For single family homes, the current rate is \$100.00 per year and the proposed rate would be \$120.00 per year. The amount will vary for commercial properties depending on lot size and existing on-site stormwater improvements. This is the first substantive change to the Stormwater Utility Fee since 2005.

The proposed increase in fees will be used to help reduce the impact of flooding in the City, including the protection of life and property by the construction, operation, administration and maintenance of stormwater drainage facilities.

*“The current stormwater fee has been the same since 2005 and it’s now inadequate to pay for maintenance and needed improvements to the drainage system with the many miles of ditches, piping, culverts, pumps and ponds that control runoff and reduce the impact of flooding,”* said City of Port Orange Mayor, Don Burnette. *“This increase was proposed during a workshop on June 27<sup>th</sup> to address the city’s needs and our current available resources. This will help fund projects in the Virginia Ave. & Monroe St. areas, Yorktowne Boulevard, and will include updating our master plan to address our other flood mitigation needs within the city.”*

As required by law, the attached letter was recently mailed to Port Orange residents informing them of this public hearing and proposed stormwater fee increase.

For more information, please visit: [www.port-orange.org](http://www.port-orange.org). Additionally, the video presentation from the June 27<sup>th</sup> workshop meeting can be found on the City’s website under Agendas & Minutes. The discussion begins at 32 minutes and 24 seconds into the meeting.

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