

# STORMWATER UTILITY RATES

(Effective July 1, 2012)

Stormwater Utility charges were approved by the La Crosse Common Council and implemented in 2012, following completion of a comprehensive Stormwater Utility Feasibility Study. Stormwater charges for all properties are based on the Equivalent Runoff Units (ERU) for the property. One ERU is defined as the average total impervious area of a residential parcel within the City of La Crosse, which was determined by the Feasibility Study to equal 2,841 square feet.

**Stormwater Fixed Quarterly Charge:** ..... \$13.48 per ERU

**RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES:** Residential properties include any property zoned or used exclusively for residential purposes with three or fewer housing units; such as single family homes, duplexes, triplexes and twindo's. Each Residential property shall be assigned one (1) ERU. Those with multiple water meters will have the one (1) ERU divided among the number of meters.

**NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES:** Non-residential properties include any developed property not defined as "residential property" by the Stormwater Utility ordinance, such as condominiums, multi-family or "super" apartment buildings with three or more dwelling units, parking lots, and all other properties zoned or used for commercial, industrial, or governmental purposes. The number of ERU's assigned to non-residential properties is based on the actual impervious area (in square feet) divided by 2,841 (carried to the nearest .1).

**CREDITS:** The Storm Water Credit Policy is in place to encourage property owners to reduce stormwater flow, as well as improve the quality, of the water leaving the property. The maximum credit that is available is 80% of the stormwater fee. Residential properties can receive a credit for use and implementation of stormwater treatments on their properties including, but not limited to, installing a minimum of four (4) rain barrels, constructing a rain garden or a combination of the two. Non-residential properties can receive a credit for the implementation of stormwater treatments including, but not limited to, stormwater ponds, bio-retention cells, and porous pavements.

## Late Fee Calculation

Late Payment Charges: If a payment is not received within 20 days of the billing date, a late payment charge of 1% per month will be applied to the unpaid balance, including unpaid late payment charges.

Sanitary Sewer Rates are established by the La Crosse Common Council. The rates should be high enough to provide the utility with a reasonable opportunity to recover the total costs of providing service and to sustain its financial integrity that in turn provides a dependable and reliable service to the consumer.