

# Department of Public Works

## Drainage Utility Charge Ordinance Amendment



Council Presentation

September 2, 2025

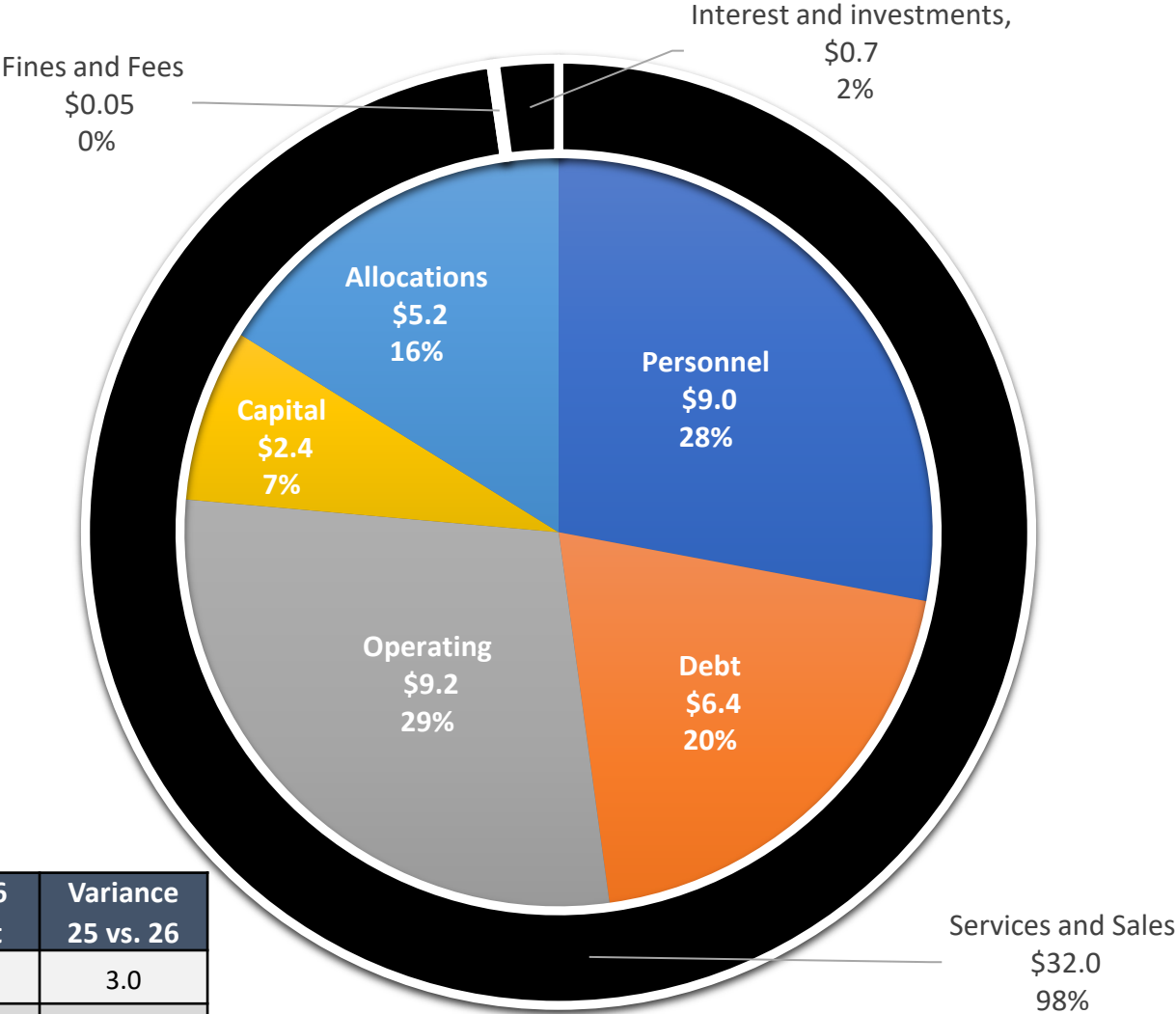
# Drainage Utility Fee Background

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- AKA “Storm Water Fee”
- Established as a stand-alone utility fee in September 2021
- Went into effect for customers January 1, 2022
  - Estimated revenue from proposed rate: \$35.7 million
- Debt obligations and planned storm water enhancements require a newly leveraged fee for residential and non-residential customers



# FY 2026 PROPOSED BUDGET STORM WATER FUND: \$32.2M



Phased rate:  
October-December \$10.32  
January – September \$11.59

147 – Storm Water Positions  
12% - Vacancy Rate

Fund 4300 Storm Water	FY 2024 Budget	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Budget	Variance 25 vs. 26
Revenues	\$26.8	\$32.7	35.7	3.0
Expenditures	\$29.2	\$33.7	32.2	(1.5)

# ABOUT PUBLIC WORKS – STORM WATER

Line of Business	Base Inventory	Frequency	Current Total per Year	Old Total per Year
Inlets Cleaning & Maintenance	20,887 inlets	450 inlets/month	5,400 inlets	15,600 inlets
Minor Channel Maintenance	235 miles	15 miles/year	15 miles	39 miles
Major Channel Maintenance	109 miles	109 miles /8x per year (channel bottoms) 109 miles/12x per year (channel tops)	2,180 miles	54 miles
Vegetation Maintenance	1,255 acres	458 acres Arterials Streets: 20x per year	9,160 acres	9,160 acres
		779 acres Collector Streets: 12x per year	9,348 acres	Not Tracked
		18 acres North Beach/Ocean Drive: weekly	936 acres	Not Tracked
Street Cleaning	2,056 miles	1,706 miles Residential Streets: 4x per year	6,824 miles	5,118 miles
		201 miles Collector Streets: 12x per year	2,412 miles	1,608 miles
		149 miles Arterial Streets: 12x times per year	1,788 miles	1,490 miles
Flood Control Management	6 employees	1 employee per shift – 24/7 operation	8,760 man hours	Not Tracked
	Trash Collected	Tons per year	1.7 Tons	Not Tracked
Environmental Services	5 EQS 1 employees	100 inspections per employee /month	6,000 inspections	5,617 inspections
	2 EQS 2 employees	30 special inspections /month	720 special inspections	

# FY 2022-2026 Five-Year Forecast

## Fund 4300 - Storm Water Fund

Fee Revenues	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Original Program	\$13.7M	\$ 23.7 M	\$ 27.5 M	\$ 31.9 M	\$ 35.7 M
Residential Rate Tier 1	\$4.59	\$ 5.77	\$ 6.63	\$ 7.74	\$ 8.69
Residential Rate Tier 2	\$6.12	\$ 7.69	\$ 8.84	\$ 10.32	\$11.59
Residential Rate Tier 3	\$10.71	\$ 13.46	\$ 15.47	\$ 18.06	\$ 20.28
Non-Residential Rate	\$6.12 per ERU	\$ 7.69 per ERU	\$ 8.84 per ERU	\$ 10.32 per ERU	\$11.59 per ERU

\* ERU = Equivalent Residential Unit

# Recommendations

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Staff recommends approval of the amended  
Drainage Utility Fee as presented.

