RESOLUTION NO. 1442

RESOLUTION
ADOPTING 2026 STORMWATER UTILITY RATE

WHEREAS, Chapter 98 of the City of Fort Atkinson Municipal Code provides regulations relating to Municipal Utilities; and

WHEREAS, Article V of Chapter 98 regulates the City's Stormwater Utility (hereinafter "Utility"); and Section 98-604 outlines rates and charges; and

WHEREAS, Section 98-604(a) indicates that user charges shall be imposed on all developed property with impervious area in the City to recover all or a portion of the costs of the Utility; that the amount of such charges shall be based on a rate per equivalent runoff unit (ERU); and that the City Council shall establish the rate per ERU through a resolution; and

WHEREAS, all developed property with impervious area shall be assigned ERUs. Each single-family residential property shall be assigned one ERU; each two-family residential property shall be assigned 0.7 ERUs/dwelling unit; each three- and four-family residential property shall be assigned 0.5 ERUs/dwelling unit; and nonresidential property shall be assigned ERUs based upon the amount of impervious area on the property divided by 3,096 square feet, however shall not be less than one ERU; and

WHEREAS, the user rate per ERU was updated in 2024 after the City Council commissioned a Utility rate study from Trilogy Consulting, LLC, which was presented to the City Council in November 2023, and updated at the November 19, 2024 City Council meeting; and

WHEREAS, Trilogy Consulting, LLC, through the 25-year projection of user rates, cash flows, debt obligations, and future capital projects, recommends that the Utility implement annual rate increases, including a 15% rate increase in 2026, to complete all necessary capital improvement projects and meet all debt requirements while maintaining the financial health of the Utility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Fort Atkinson, Jefferson County, Wisconsin, that the 2026 Utility rate is $90.60 per ERU.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the rate of $90.60 per ERU be implemented as of January 1, 2026.

Adopted and effective this 21st day of October 2025.

CITY OF FORT ATKINSON

Kyle Jaeckel, Council President

ATTEST:

Michelle Ebbert, City Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Director