ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 6-5-4 – STORMWATER UTILITY FEE – OF THE HARRISONBURG CITY CODE
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA:

Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Harrisonburg, Virginia:
Section 6-5-4 be amended and re-enacted as follows:

Sec. 6-5-4. Stormwater utility fee.

(a) A stormwater utility fee is hereby imposed on every parcel of real property in the city that appears on the real property assessment rolls as of July 1 of each year.

(b) When new properties or impervious areas are brought into the utility system, such as from new construction, fees will accrue or increase commencing on the next billing cycle as established in section 6-5-7(a).

(c) The billing rate per billing unit to be used for calculating the stormwater utility fee shall be eight dollars ($8.00) per year. City council may modify the billing rate in the future.

(d) All stormwater utility fees and other income from the fees shall be deposited into the stormwater fund. The funds deposited shall be used exclusively to provide services and facilities related to the stormwater management program pursuant to the provisions of the Virginia Code § 15.2-2114.

(e) The stormwater utility shall be in effect starting July 1, 2015.

(f) The stormwater utility shall be under the administration of the director of public works.

(g) Consistent with Virginia Code § 15.2-2114, the stormwater utility fee shall be waived in its entirety for the following:

  (1) A federal, state, or local government, or public entity that holds a permit to discharge stormwater from a municipal separate storm sewer system; except that the waiver of charges shall apply only to property covered by any such permit; and

  (2) Public roads and street rights-of-way that are owned and maintained by state or local agencies including property rights-of-way acquired through the acquisitions process.

This ordinance shall be effective from the 1ST day of July 2025. Adopted and approved this 10th day of June, 2025.

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MAYOR

ATTESTE:

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CITY CLERK