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## **MEMO**

To: Erin Powers, Stormwater Enterprise

From: Andrea Barlow, HBA Public Policy Chair

Date: October 4, 2022

Subject: 2023 Proposed Drainage Fee Increase

On behalf of the Housing & Building Association of Colorado Springs (CSHBA), we would like to thank you for giving us the opportunity to review the proposed fee increases to the 2023 Drainage Fee Schedule. While all increases to development and building costs are taken seriously (as they all play a role in housing attainability), we understand that the proposed fee adjustments are based upon actual cost increases seen by the industry.

After review from our members, no major concerns were identified regarding the proposed fee increase of 9.2% over the 2022 Drainage, Bridge & Detention Pond fees. This is an increase that is justified by current inflationary costs. It's important to note that as material costs stabilize, we may realize a period when no increase should be applied.

We appreciate the City's efforts to monitor and adjust drainage fees to reflect current market costs to build. We look forward to continued collaboration with the Stormwater Enterprise team.

Thank you,

Andrea Barlow

Public Policy Chair