2019 Sand Creek Drainage Basin Fee Increase

Adjustment to Drainage Fees

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City Code 7.7.902: Studies of Drainage Basins (Fee Adjustments)

- Each year the drainage fee and detention pond land fee shall be reviewed by the Drainage Board
- Drainage Board shall make a recommendation to City Council for any adjustment to the fees
- Upon this recommendation the City Council shall establish by resolution the drainage fee and the detention pond land fee in each drainage basin
- These fees will be reset per changes in construction and other costs or revisions suggested by additional studies or information obtained



- On December 11, 2018, the City Council approved Resolution No. 159-18 establishing the 2019 Drainage Basin Fees, Bridge Fees, and Detention Pond Facility and Land Fees. This resolution set the drainage fee for the Sand Creek basin at \$12,645 per acre.
- Colorado Springs/El Paso County Drainage Board approved a per acre increase of \$28.00, from \$12,645 to \$12,673 per acre over the current 2019 Sand Creek Drainage Fee on December 6, 2018.

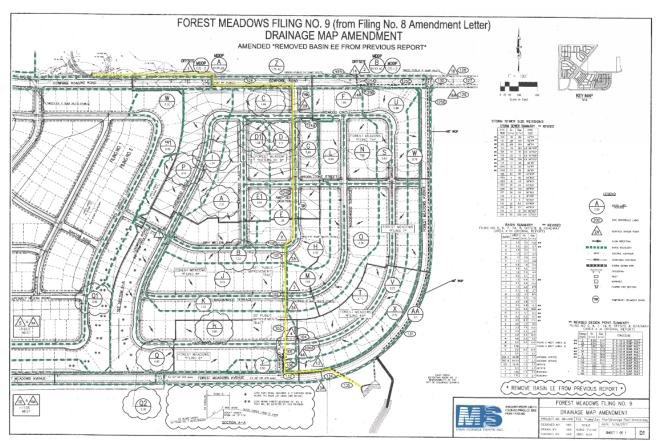


- The Drainage Board action to increase the Sand Creek basin fee to cover additional drainage basin costs represents a common practice used by the Drainage Board to cover unanticipated additional drainage facility costs in new subdivision development.
- Unanticipated costs can be described as costs not shown in the Drainage Basin Planning Study for the drainage basin and/or costs that were not included in the fee calculation for the basin.



- The Drainage Board's action to increase the drainage fee resulted from a request by Engineering and Surveying Inc., the developer for Forest Meadows Filing No. 9.
- A 36" HDPE storm sewer pipeline was required of the developer and the associated cost was not identified in the Drainage Basin Planning Study for the Sand Creek Drainage Basin.







Recommended 2019 Fee Increase

Drainage Board recommends a per acre increase of \$28.00, from \$12,645 to \$12,673 per acre over the current 2019 Sand Creek Drainage Fee, and approval of the updated fee schedule effective upon City Council approval.



QUESTIONS?