

# JIMMY CAMP CREEK DRAINAGE FEE



Adjustment to Jimmy Camp Creek Drainage  
Fee

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# DRAINAGE BASIN FEE PROGRAM



- Current program originated with a drainage ordinance adopted by the City in 1963.
- The purpose of the ordinance was to address the need for drainage and flood control facilities within developing areas.
- The program is a private cost sharing program to fund large stormwater infrastructure for newly developing areas.

# DRAINAGE FEE DETERMINATION



- Each Drainage Basin has a master drainage study called a Drainage Basin Planning Study (“DBPS”)
- Per Acre Fee = 
$$\frac{\text{Larger Public Facilities Cost}}{\text{Acres Available to Plat}}$$
- Fees are adjusted each year for inflation

**Example:** Bear Creek DBPS

1980 fee: \$1,000 per acre

2024 fee: \$5,357 per acre

# DRAINAGE FEE MODIFICATION



- City Code 7.4.702: The fees shall be reestablished in accord with changes in construction and other costs or revisions suggested by additional studies or other information obtained.
- Increasing a drainage basin fee represents a common practice used by the Drainage Board to cover unanticipated additional drainage facility costs (those not shown in a Drainage Basin Planning Study) in new subdivision development.

# JIMMY CAMP CREEK BASIN FEE MODIFICATION



- The estimated cost of improvements in the 2015 Jimmy Camp Creek Drainage Basin Planning Study was \$4,829,855 (adjusted for inflation).
- The engineer's estimated cost of \$7,200,000 exceeds the estimated cost by \$2,370,145.
- The recommended increase would cover the excess cost of the reimbursable improvements.

# FEE RECOMMENDATION



City of Colorado Springs / El Paso County  
Drainage Board recommended to increase the  
Jimmy Camp Creek Drainage Basin Fee from  
\$11,602 per acre to \$11,736 per acre.

# QUESTIONS?

