

# MESA BASIN DRAINAGE FEE



Adjustment to Mesa Basin 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.

# MESA BASIN FEE MODIFICATION



- The estimated cost of improvements in the 1986 Mesa Drainage Basin Planning Study was \$255,363.42 (adjusted for inflation).
- The engineer's estimated cost of \$2,414,450.00 exceeds the estimated cost by \$2,159,086.58.
- 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 Mesa Drainage Basin Fee from \$14,479 per acre to \$31,445 per acre.

# QUESTIONS?

