

ORDINANCE NO. 16-10
PORTER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMISSIONERS

An Ordinance creating a Storm Water Management Program and Storm Water Management Board.

Whereas, the Board of County Comissioners of Porter County, Indiana (hereinafter the "County"), is mandated by applicable law to address the requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit program requirements as administered by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) under 327 IAC15-13 (Rule 13) and related programs; and,

Whereas, the County is responsible for storm water management for the unincorporated area of Porter County with the municipalities being responsible for storm water management within their corporate boundaries; and,

Whereas, the County desires that effective storm water management be provided to all citizens in Porter County to protect, to the extent practicable, from the loss of life and property damage from flooding, and to minimize, to the extent practicable, impacts to surface quality and runoff; and,

Whereas, the County has been mandated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) as administered by IDEM to obtain and administer a permit, under a prescriptive schedule, for its storm water quality management system; and,

Whereas, the County has established a storm water management program under the provisions of IC 8.1.5-5; and,

Whereas, the benefits of flood control and surface water quality extend to all citizens, institutions and businesses in the County; and

Whereas, all real property in Porter County, including property owned by public and tax-exempt entities, contributes to storm and water runoff, and either uses or benefits from the County's Storm Water System; and,

Whereas, storm water runoff contributes to non-point source pollution to the streams of the County's watersheds, and a storm water management program and storm water facilities can reduce this type of pollution; and,

Whereas, the Porter County Board of Commissioners has deemed it necessary to amend Chapter 14.12 (Storm Water System User Fee; Ordinance 15-19)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED THAT:

Title 14 (Storm Water Management) Chapter 14.12 (Storm Water System User Fee) shall be amended as follows:

Section 14.12.020: Storm Water User Fee System and Fee Structure

Section 14.12.020: Shall be amended with the following:

E. Agricultural Land. Parcels with a Property Class Code of 100 through 199 shall be a rate of \$0.229 per acre per month (\$2.75 per acre per year). Agricultural Class with residential structure on parcel and total ownership of Agricultural Class land of less than 45 acres shall be charged a minimum of \$10 per month (\$120 per year).

This Ordinance passed and adopted this 5 day of April, 2016.

PORTER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMISSIONERS

John A. Evans

Laura Blaney

Jeff Good

Attest: Vicki Urbanik, Auditor

I affirm under the penalties for perjury, that I have taken reasonable care to redact each social security number in this document, unless required by law.

Robert W. Thompson, Jr., AICP
4/13, 4/20, 4/27/16 - hspaxlp