
DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the Sewerage and Water Board to assess a stormwater fee on parcels located in the city of New Orleans.

Proposed law requires the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans to assess a stormwater fee on every developed parcel in the city of New Orleans. Provides that the fee shall be in accordance with the formula rate plan promulgated by the board and approved by the Public Service Commission (PSC). Provides for the calculation of the fee based on the type of parcel. Provides for definitions.

Proposed law requires that certain disputes regarding the fee be arbitrated in accordance with the process provided for in present law regarding customer billing by the Sewerage and Water Board (R.S. 33:4159).

Proposed law authorizes the board to adopt rules, relative to single family residential parcels, to provide rebate incentives to encourage the use of facilities to reduce, store, or treat stormwater discharge from residential parcels, subject to approval by the PSC, and incorporation into the formula rate plan.

Proposed law provides that the formula rate plan shall be set at a level sufficient to completely fund the drainage system owned, operated, and maintained by the board, including for necessary capital improvements and current debt service, as approved by the PSC.

Proposed law provides that the total formula rate plan may be reduced by amounts granted to the board by the city of New Orleans for purposes of maintaining drainage infrastructure owned by the board. Further provides that all stormwater fees assessed shall be reduced by a credit equivalent to drainage millages assessed by the city.

Proposed law provides that no single family residential parcel's stormwater fee shall exceed an amount equivalent to 16.34 mills.

(Adds R.S. 33:4094.2)