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**CITY OF NEWPORT  
PUBLIC HEARING ON  
STORMWATER UTILITY FEE**

On June 21, 2010, the Newport City Council will hold a public hearing on stormwater drainage utility fees. If approved, each residential and commercial property would be assessed a monthly fee based on the amount of impervious surface of each property.

Lee Ritzman, Newport Public Works Director, announced in earlier meetings that “the fee for residential properties will likely be no more than \$5.00 monthly.” He added, “since commercial properties contain a greater area of impervious surface, the fee will clearly be higher.”

All money collected through stormwater fees and charges will be used for the improvement, maintenance, and repair of the city’s stormwater system. The city ordinance regarding the stormwater utility is found in Chapter 5.20 of the Newport Municipal Code which can be accessed on the city’s website at [www.thecityofnewport.net](http://www.thecityofnewport.net). Public Works Department staff is also available to answer question at 541.574.3366, or by e-mail at [b.fuller@thecityofnewport.net](mailto:b.fuller@thecityofnewport.net).

The June 21, 2010 hearing before the City Council is scheduled at 7:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers of the Newport City Hall, 169 SW Coast Highway. This is an opportunity for residents and business owners to learn more about the stormwater utility fee and comment.

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