

Late Backup

Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Drainage Charge

Austin City Council Meeting
August 20, 2015

Watershed Protection Department

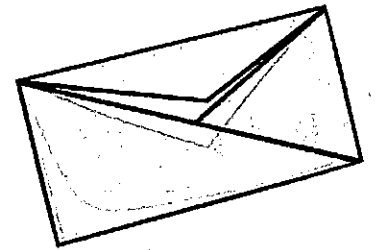


Background:

Ordinance Changes Approved

June 25, 2015 - City Council approved changes to how the drainage charge is calculated.

- Effective date is Oct. 1st
- First bills mailed Nov. 1st





Drainage Charge Revision

Primarily based on development impact with two parameters:

- Amount of impervious area (square feet)
- Percentage of impervious area

3,000 ft²
Impervious
5,000 ft²
Lot

3,000 ft² 10,000 ft²
Impervious Lot



New Method of Calculation

Same for all properties

**Monthly charge =
monthly base rate x
sq. ft. of impervious area x
an adjustment factor for the
percentage impervious area**

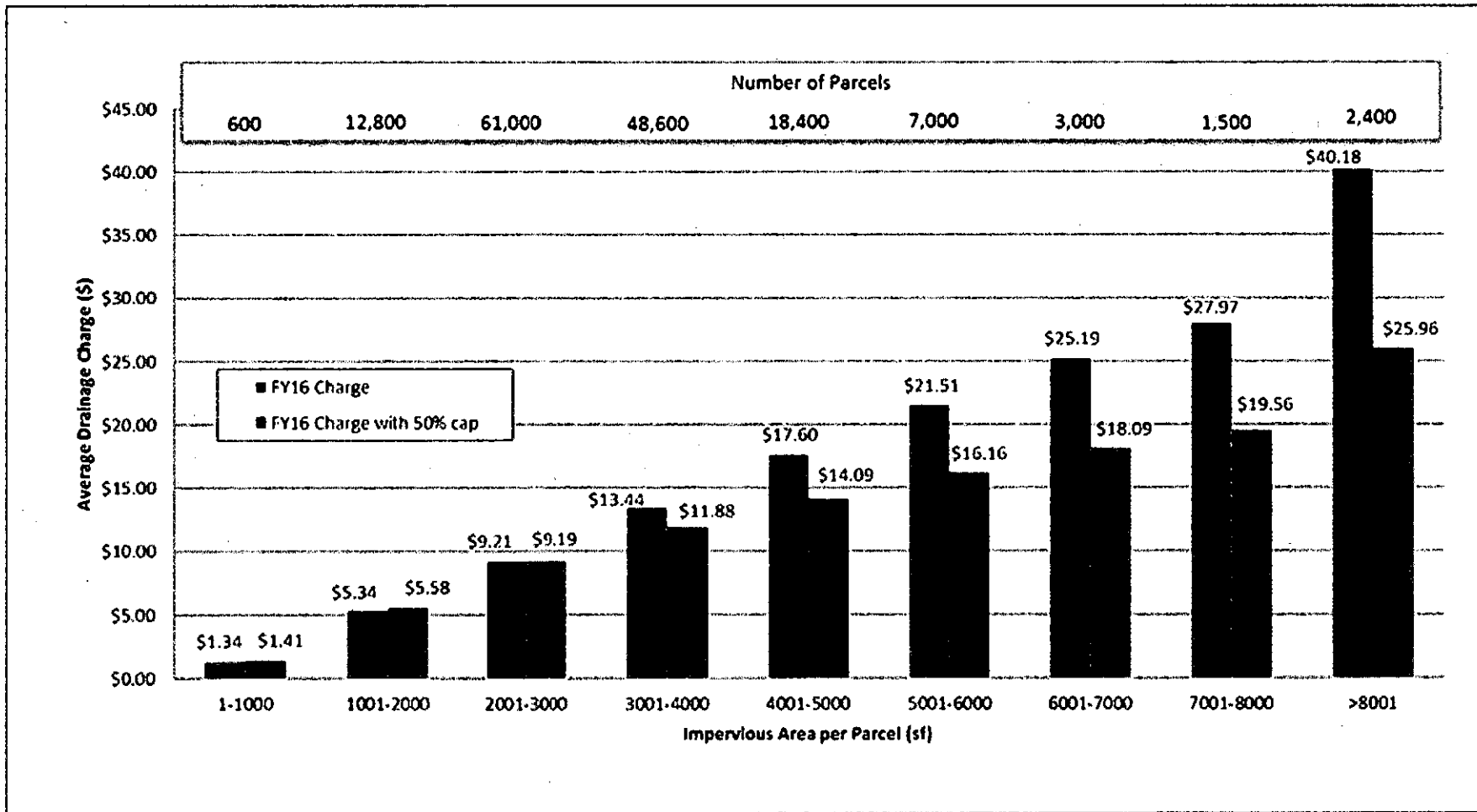


Fee Ordinance Components

- The **base rate** –produces revenues to match the budget
- The **adjustment factor** –reflects impacts of **percent impervious area**
- A **percent reduction (phase-in)** on fee increases for single family residential properties, 1st year only
- A **percent reduction for Customer Assistance program (CAP)**

Monthly Single Family Charges with 50% Cap on Increase

Base Rate w/o reduction = \$0.00476 sf IC/month, with reduction = \$0.005 sf IC/month





FY 15 -16 Fee Ordinance

- **Base rate = \$0.005/ft²/IA/month
(\$0.06/ft²/year in the fee ordinance)**
- **Adjustment Factor = 1.5425 (%IC) +0.1933**
- **Phase-in % on increases: = 50% reduction
first year, on single family only**
- **Customer Assistance Program (CAP): 50%
reduction (for 12,500 residential properties)**