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Important information for Customers in the City of Huntington that own commercial, industrial, business, and multi-unit parcels

This notice does not affect the water quality fee for single-family residences.

For <u>non-residential customers</u>, the *water quality fee* will be based on the square footage of impervious surface on your property.

You can find the water quality fee as a separate line item on your sewer bill from the Huntington Sanitary Board.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection require communities to implement stormwater programs that reduce pollution.

Beginning on or about June 15, 2017, water quality fees for non-residential properties will be based on the rate that is established for impervious surfaces.

Non-residential includes all commercial, industrial, business, multi-unit apartments and condos, government and non-profit. This does not affect single-family residences.

Impervious surface is those surfaces that do not allow or significantly inhibit rain from soaking into the ground. Impervious surface includes roofs, driveways, parking lots, gravel lots, and compacted dirt lots on industrial sites.

The Huntington Stormwater Utility, in accordance with Article 935, has undertaken an extensive mapping project to determine the square footage of impervious surface on non-residential properties.

West Virginia State Code (Chapter 8-16-18) provides the authority for political subdivisions (Stormwater Utility) to establish fees.

West Virginia State Code (Chapter 8-16-21) provides for county, state and federal governments to also pay the established stormwater fees.

The Stormwater Utility used high resolution aerial photography to determine the impervious area of each parcel. Photos were taken in spring 2015. Geographical Information System (GIS) measurements were used in the determination. The information was also cross-referenced with existing county parcel records and City records.

Once you receive that bill, if you believe that the amount of impervious square feet on your property is incorrect, there is a process in place for the Stormwater Utility to re-evaluate the amount. Forms are available at the Stormwater Utility, located at $555 \, 7^{th}$ Ave.

If you have any questions, please visit www.cityofhuntington.com. Click on "Document Center" on the home page, then click on "stormwater." A list of frequently asked questions are posted on this page.