

FY2020-2021 2018 Storm Water Fee Schedule

Rate Category	SFE Rate (% of 1 SFE)	FY20-21 Fee	Charged Per
Single-Family Residential (SFR)*			
Small (<i>Parcels under 3,200 sq. ft.</i>)	0.79992	\$ 38.06	Parcel
Medium (<i>Parcels 3,200-7,200 sq. ft.</i>)	1.00000	\$ 47.58	Parcel
Large (<i>Parcels 7,200 sq. ft. and larger</i>)	1.20933	\$ 57.54	Parcel
Condominium (<i>All</i>)	0.79992	\$ 38.06	Parcel
Multiple SFR on a single parcel pay 22% higher rate			
Non-Single Family Residential**			
Multi-Family Residential	17.44360	\$ 830.04	Acre
Commercial / Industrial / Parking	19.47193	\$ 926.56	Acre
Office	18.25493	\$ 868.66	Acre
Institutional / Church	16.63227	\$ 791.44	Acre
School / Hospital	15.21244	\$ 723.88	Acre
Recreational	11.76429	\$ 559.80	Acre
Vacant (developed)	1.01416	\$ 48.26	Acre
Open Space / Agricultural	—————	<i>Exempt</i>	—————

* **Single-Family Residential** category also includes duplex, triplex, and four-plex units.

** **Non-single-Family Residential** parcel size is calculated to the tenth of an acre or portion thereof.

The 2018 Storm Water fees (approved in 2018) is subject to an annual adjustment tied to the increase in the San Francisco Bay Area Consumer Price Index-U as of December of each succeeding year (CPI). Per the approved measure this adjustment may not exceed 3%; however, any annual increase in the CPI which exceed the 3% threshold may be reserved as “Unused CPI” and used to increase the adjustment in years in which the CPI increase is less than 3%. Prior to 2020, there was an “Unused CPI” balance of 1.5%. The FY 20-21 fee adjustment is based on the 2.45% CPI increase over the period beginning in December 2018 and ending in December 2019. Using a portion of the “Unused CPI” balance, the adjustment was increased to the maximum allowable 3%.

As approved by voters in 2018, the annual adjustment may be calculated by taking the sum of previous year’s 2018 Storm Water and 1991 Clean Storm Water fees, and multiplying the sum by the allowable CPI increase. The increase, covering both fees, is then added to the 2018 Storm Water fee only to obtain the total, city-wide 2018 Storm Water fee for FY20-21. Because 3% increases for both fees are added to the 2018 fee only, the 1991 Clean Storm Water fee remains unchanged from the previous year while the 2018 Storm Water increased by 5%.

The city-wide 2018 Storm Water fee to be collected in FY20-21 was divided by the total number of Single-Family-Equivalents (SFEs)¹ in the city to get the FY20-21 rate of \$47.58 per SFE. Each Rate Category has an established SFE Rate multiplier that determines how many SFEs per Unit the category is charged.

These fees support the stormwater program which manages rain water that runs off impervious surfaces such as concrete, roofs, and streets, and channels the water out to the Bay. The City’s program uses education, inspections, maintenance, and capital projects to minimize pollutants such as automobile fluids, PCB, mercury, pesticides, trash, etc. being discharged into the Creeks and the San Francisco Bay.

¹ For an explanation of SFEs, or for an elaboration of the calculation methodology, see [Approval and Levy of 2018 Clean Stormwater Fee in FY 2021](#), approved by City Council on 06/30/2020 (Resolution 69,476-N.S.).