

Survey #2: Flood Management and Water Quality Funding Study

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

08 August 2018 - 12 February 2023

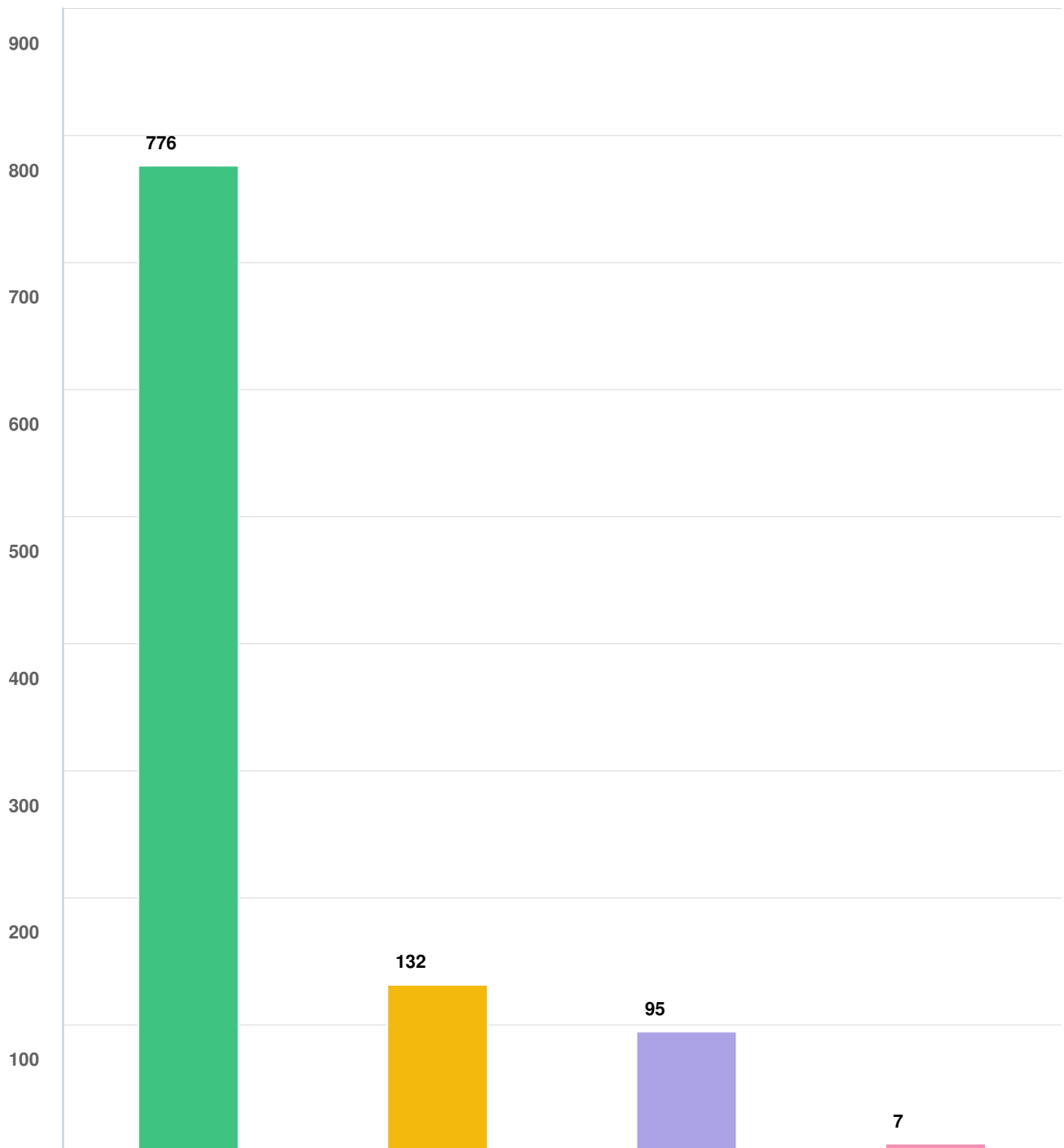
PROJECT NAME:

Study for Flood Management and Water Quality Funding



SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 First, tell us a little about you. Please select all that apply

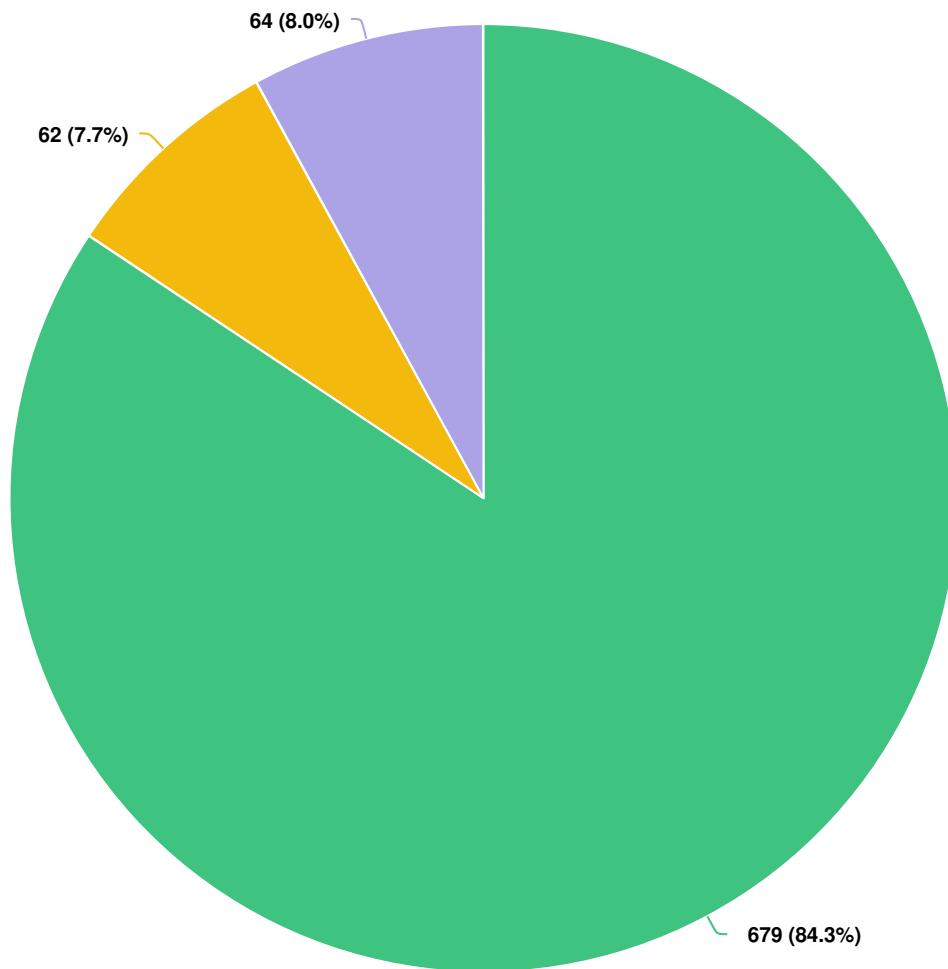


Question options

- I am a resident of Fayetteville
- I operate a business or organization in Fayetteville
- I own rental property in Fayetteville
- I don't live or work in Fayetteville

Optional question (809 response(s), 9 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q2 Do you own or rent property in Fayetteville?

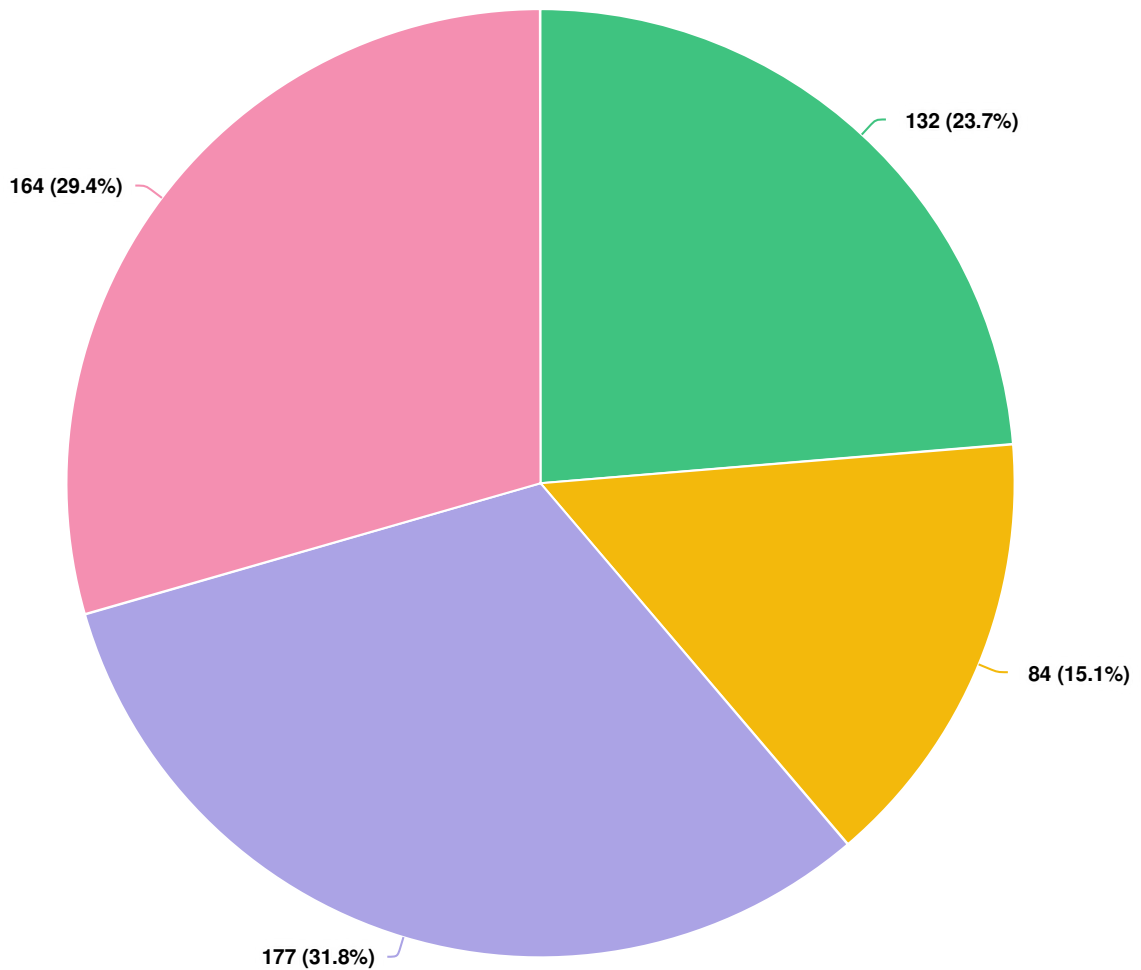


Question options

- Own
- Rent
- Both

Optional question (805 response(s), 13 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q3 If you live in Fayetteville, what area of the city do you live in? If you're not sure, You can use this tool to find out what part of the city you live in.

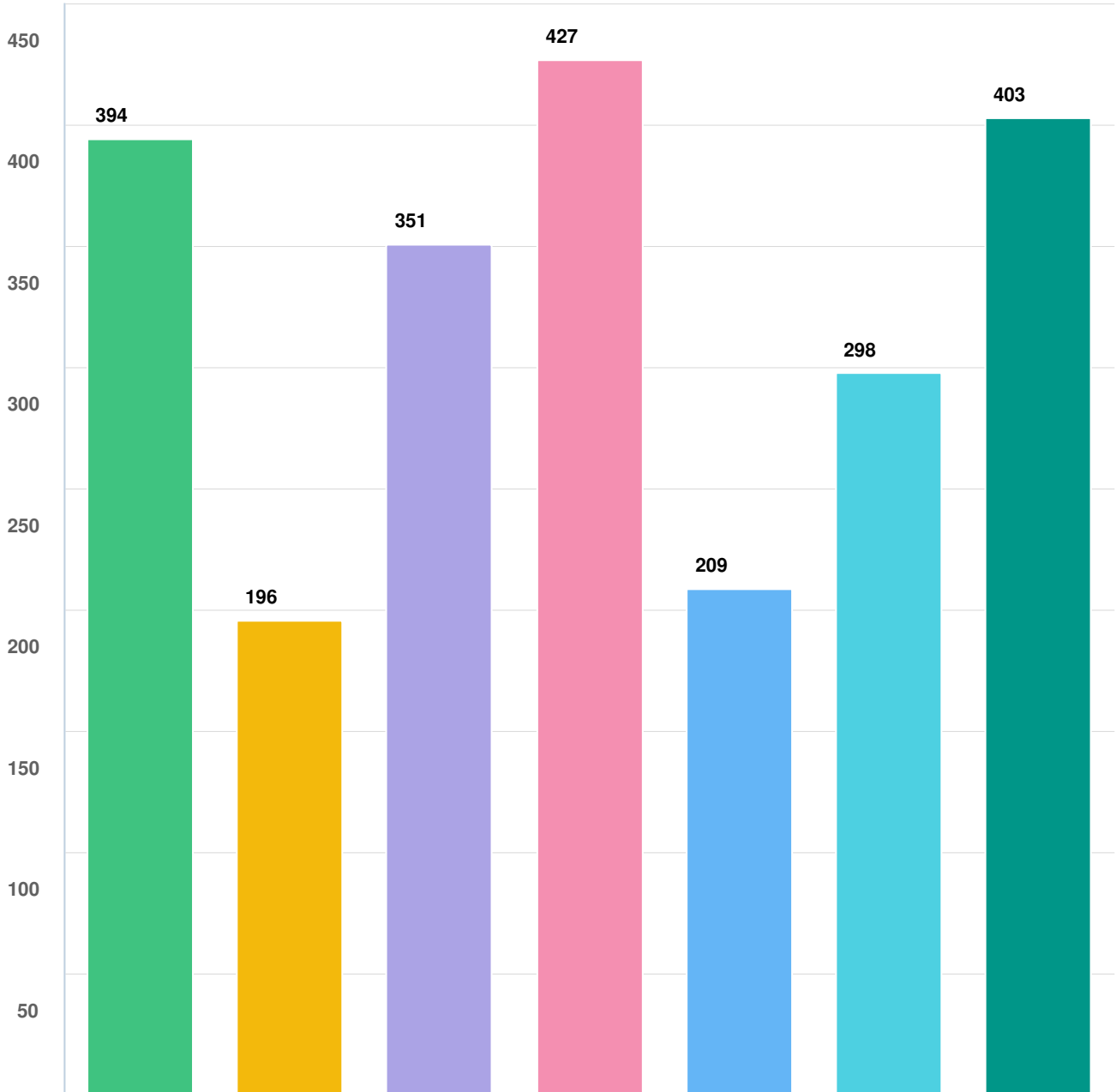


Question options

- Ward 1
- Ward 2
- Ward 3
- Ward 4

Optional question (557 response(s), 261 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q4 The City currently spends \$1.5 million annually and estimates that an additional \$3 million would be needed to adequately address its citywide flooding and water pollution problems. Any fees collected for the Stormwater Utility would be used for t...



Question options

- To safeguard water quality
- To provide timely response and resolution of customer drainage service requests
- To proactively clear debris out of ditches and drainage pipes
- To repair and replace failing drainage pipes
- To better ensure public safety and access to emergency thoroughfares during life-threatening storm events
- To provide a higher level of protection for Fayetteville's watersheds and the streams within them.
- To protect homes and businesses from future flooding damage

Optional question (647 response(s), 171 skipped)
 Question type: Checkbox Question

Q5 Do you have other priorities? If so, please list them here.

Anonymous

7/11/2019 02:10 PM

My property backs up to the Niokasaka creek near Gulley and the erosion is horrible. We also have pipes and old wires sticking out of the side. A retaining wall is needed and should be paid for by the city.

Anonymous

7/11/2019 02:47 PM

For the city to pass a rule that Any top soil disturbed during a pipe replacement or placement or similar activity by anyone - city , contractor, home owner - that the top soil be replaced to its original depth versus leaving clay soil.

Anonymous

7/11/2019 03:09 PM

Fix the multitude of issues from multiple streets & open ditches that drain into the street aka Stanton Ave river every rain...

Anonymous

7/11/2019 03:58 PM

NO

Anonymous

7/11/2019 04:50 PM

Instead of raising rates on already exorbitant water fees that all residents pay just build less bike trails that a small percentage use.

Anonymous

7/11/2019 05:16 PM

We drink from beaver lake, it's full of bacteria, what's the difference? Beaches were closed, but you can still drink it...Clean the existing bodies water and lakes you already have.

Anonymous

7/11/2019 08:35 PM

Do not charge me or other residents for the issues the city planning commission and board have allowed to happen.

Anonymous

7/11/2019 09:26 PM

Install more drainage systems in high need areas

Anonymous

7/11/2019 10:16 PM

Pretend human beings (and their structures) are going to occupy this area for a little while. Repair & prepare the infrastructure to withstand flooding and manage drainage for the next several hundred years. (There's a university nearby; ask an expert.)

Anonymous

7/12/2019 09:26 AM

Please assure that any new building projects approved, including paving for roads and parking lots, addresses completely the runoff problems caused. Also, actively maintain natural areas for flood

absorption. Financially help with property damage.

Anonymous

7/12/2019 01:18 PM

Beef up development process rules to better generate their initial contributions to stormwater management prior to having to mitigate them later?

Anonymous

7/12/2019 04:22 PM

May need 2 city engineers because the one that's there has not been helpful in getting my issue fixed.

Anonymous

7/12/2019 04:50 PM

I do NOT agree that a 200% increase to this budget represents sound management, & thus my top priority would be to stop it from happening.

Anonymous

7/13/2019 08:08 AM

To keep water out of my home, gas happened 3 times.

Anonymous

7/13/2019 09:14 AM

My house had flooded inside three times since 2006. My flood insurance premiums increased from the original price of \$365.00 when we bought in 2001 to \$2,956.00 in the past two years since the flood zone changed from X to AB. I believe Owl Creek now has

Anonymous

7/13/2019 10:19 PM

Stop overspending and lying to residents to get pet projects approved and then coming back and saying essential areas are underfunded

Anonymous

7/14/2019 03:06 AM

No more taxes and fees

Anonymous

7/14/2019 07:37 AM

We do not need any more taxes or FEES. Our utils are currently the highest in NWA and we cannot take anymore.

Anonymous

7/14/2019 12:44 PM

We already pay too much!

Anonymous

7/14/2019 03:19 PM

Please use money for this project and stop using money for bike trail

Anonymous

7/15/2019 09:09 AM

Floodways in the city reduce the inventory of buildable land, stormwater improvements could bring this inventory back, reducing the need for urban sprawl into surrounding natural areas.

Anonymous

7/16/2019 12:29 PM

First the city sells us how important it is to have an arts corridor (I voted no) and now the city wants additional fees for water. what happened to the millions raised by continuing the tax (10 cents on the dollar in Fayetteville)?

Anonymous

7/17/2019 01:37 PM

I recommend that all citizens fight the Department of health on their ongoing battle to try to force water departments to inject flouride into our water systems. Flouride is toxic and provides no health benefits. We do not want to end up like Flint, MI

Anonymous

7/17/2019 02:44 PM

Me and family have been staying in this house that we are in for almost 5 years. In 2017 our house flooded due to it is not a drain duth byhide the house. We lost everything. We was usured that the City will fix it. We never got a have heavy rain until

Anonymous

7/18/2019 08:22 AM

Improve drainage from areas that have developed & concrete has caused runoff problems that didn't exist before the new construction.

Anonymous

7/18/2019 09:42 AM

prevent roads from flooding

Anonymous

7/21/2019 09:39 AM

Provide leadership and support in making and meeting Regional Water Quality Objectives within the Illinois and White River Watersheds.

Anonymous

7/21/2019 09:45 AM

Better manage upfront City development planning and how they can adversely impact storm water runoff by avoiding the proper mitigation countermeasures.

Anonymous

7/23/2019 11:31 AM

Include Sidewalks over the upgraded storm drainage pipes

Anonymous

7/23/2019 01:06 PM

With climate disruption, severe rainfall will be the main issue. Don't allow people or business to build in flood plains and correct existing flood plain issues cause by lack of diligence on city's part, i.e. problems around Lewis Park

Anonymous

7/24/2019 06:36 PM

Find another way to fund and fix the problem. It was created by over growth and over building which was approved by planning

commission and other city boards or committees. Let them pay for it.
Stop the urbanization of Fayetteville.

Anonymous

7/30/2019 06:31 PM

Education of the public to help safeguard water quality, limit littering and keep debris out of the ditches and drainage pipes.

Anonymous

7/30/2019 07:09 PM

Highest priority is to reject this proposal!

Anonymous

7/31/2019 06:23 AM

Financial incentives for commercial and residential developments that implement LID strategies.

Anonymous

7/31/2019 09:54 AM

get rid of plastic bags that clog drains and accumulate along streams

Anonymous

7/31/2019 11:07 AM

Use Low Impact Development design that is disconnected and lets water soak in.

Anonymous

7/31/2019 11:37 AM

Construct low-impact development stormwater infrastructure such as raingardens, RWH systems, infiltration swales, and green streets.

Anonymous

7/31/2019 12:21 PM

Educate and support development that minimizes runoff, ie catchment/cistern systems, discourage paving, etc. s

Anonymous

8/12/2019 08:58 AM

Address the issues created when a property owner clears land and creates an adverse impact on properties located downhill. There currently seems to be no guidance unless the property falls in the hillside protection areas, which are sometimes inadequate.

Anonymous

8/13/2019 08:25 AM

Ensure that the City spends its money efficiently, and does not cause more expense to residents and businesses. Fayetteville is already one of the least business friendly and expensive Cities in the area

Anonymous

8/13/2019 08:42 AM

I'm concerned that we are not protecting our single most important resource: water. Lake Fayetteville is our back-up water supply and it is in very bad shape. We have to remediate Lake Fayetteville and we need to protect all of our water from nutrients.

Anonymous

9/13/2019 06:17 PM

1. The bond was for 1.5 million dollars. Use that amount of money wisely.

Anonymous

9/13/2019 06:55 PM

Fix your flooding issues without taxing more. The city has done a poor job planning. Now we have to pay to fix? Stupid.

concernedcitizen

9/14/2019 07:15 AM

Stop taxing us

concernedcitizen

9/14/2019 07:15 AM

Stop with the fees and taxes

Anonymous

9/14/2019 07:54 AM

To fix areas of the city that tend to flood or having standing water for a period of time, such as Deane Street, close to the intersection of Lewis Ave

Anonymous

9/14/2019 08:31 AM

Permanently repair drainage & streets. Build them better than you think they need to be built. There's a university in town with an engineering department. It's mind-blowing and embarrassing that the city's roads and drainage are so poorly designed.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 05:49 AM

None of these are my priorities. This is a completely loaded question. My priority is to limit the size of bureaucracy in Fayetteville. I do not want this fee. Handle flood runoff water on an as needed basis. No increased budget!

Anonymous

9/16/2019 07:05 AM

I am not currently in the city limits nor do I have any type of paving on my property. The ditch in front of my has had considerable erosion since the Hughmount Subdivision went in.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 07:35 AM

don't ask questions like this. this is predicated upon the idea that all respondents are in favor of this. it is cheap manipulation to frighten survey participants into thinking if they don't support this, the worst will happen.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 08:20 AM

erosion control

Anonymous

9/16/2019 10:11 AM

I don't consider any of the above a priority that can't be taken care of with existing funding.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 11:01 AM

i am taxed enough already. If this would not provide for storm drainage for my area I would not vote for it.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 11:36 AM

This is a loaded question,. Need to add, I am apposed to raising my monthly rate to cover your operating costs.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 11:48 AM

The city does a poor job of keeping its streets and drainage systems clean.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 11:50 AM

The city does a poor job of keeping its streets and drainage systems clean.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 12:03 PM

Keep sewers from backing up into toilets and tubs Keep sewer water out of homes during heavy rains

Anonymous

9/16/2019 12:27 PM

Limit building in sensitive eco and water protected areas. Vote NO on RZN 19-6716.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 01:28 PM

actually fix streets that regularly flood such as Dead Horse Mnt rd

Anonymous

9/16/2019 01:29 PM

Don't tax the rain

Anonymous

9/16/2019 02:44 PM

I do NOT feel that we need to spend more on fees. We are overtaxed as things stand.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 02:46 PM

Help from City Engineer, Greg Brown and Traffic Dept., (Keith) when a problem has already been determined. Plans already exist to remedy the existing drainage issues. Your Planning dept and Codes are creating these problem with poor planning & discisions

Jka

9/16/2019 03:15 PM

I am against this program. We are taxed enough. The the city needs to be more fiscally responsible. The priority should be to reduce spending.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 03:12 PM

Stop adding new taxes. You all can't live within a sizable budget as it is why will this help? Why not \$100 a month?

Anonymous

9/16/2019 03:29 PM

Take care of park ponds and creeks to keep toxic levels of pollution out.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 03:46 PM

My priority would certainly be maintenance of storm water over something like an overpriced, antiquated building like the new library, building things for the homeless derelicts, and a litany of other things the city spends large amounts of money on

Anonymous

9/16/2019 03:56 PM

None of the above. That's what the 15.8 Million allocated through the vote is to be spent on.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 04:48 PM

Stop with taxes. Plenty of money in general fund

Anonymous

9/16/2019 04:57 PM

Stop allowing development (in fill and outrageously large apartment complexes) that makes this problem worse.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 05:35 PM

Use existing money and stop using earmarked special fees to hide the ridiculous waste and high taxes of Fayetteville City Government

Anonymous

9/16/2019 06:43 PM

Stop building hideous sidewalks the size of freaking streets, and then putting the bill on the homeowner's for lack of permeable surfaces for stormwater. You've created this mess with tacky sidewalks attached to road size sidewalks next to streets.

Barrington

9/16/2019 08:15 PM

Stop raising taxes to fund this

Barrington

9/16/2019 07:28 PM

This is not a priority for our tax dollars

Anonymous

9/16/2019 08:25 PM

Appropriate use of already high city fees and taxes.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 04:42 AM

Do not increase my taxes. Tax new development, not the entire city

Anonymous

9/17/2019 04:47 AM

I feel Fayetteville city has more than enough Taxes collected to take care of this issue. Stop building bike trails, library and other things that are not required.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 06:15 AM

Our property is rural. Would any allowance be made for acreages?

Anonymous

9/17/2019 06:22 AM

I am not on city water. City sewer is not available. I have no problems with flooding. I am in the country and have no benefit from this fee.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 07:01 AM

Yes why was I not asked to vote on this theft of my income?

Anonymous

9/17/2019 07:01 AM

Our property is rural. Would any allowance be made for acreages?

Anonymous

9/17/2019 07:03 AM

to stop fayetteville from building more cement trails, and cutting down trees to build the trails.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 07:12 AM

Do not let lawn services blow mowed grass onto City streets which inevitably end up in the drainage pipes.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 08:08 AM

STOP TAXING YOUR RESIDENTS!!! THIS IS INSANE.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 08:28 AM

To hold overdevelopment accountable for the increase of non-porous surfaces and create an impact tax rather than a regressive one on residents.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 08:51 AM

Stop spending and work smart

Anonymous

9/17/2019 09:03 AM

Stop taxing your residents outrageously. It is getting ridiculous. The city receives enough tax dollars, it does not need more.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 09:10 AM

lower taxes

Mike

9/17/2019 10:38 AM

Replace as many open ditches with pipe as reasonable.

Mikey

9/17/2019 10:48 AM

Eliminate open drainage ditches, create catch basins for natural water cleaning where possible. Add more curb and underground storm catch basins.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 10:50 AM

none of the above

Anonymous

9/17/2019 10:52 AM

My suggestion would be for you to better manage your spending of available funds rather than add this unfair fee to the already overtaxed people of Fayetteville!

Anonymous

9/17/2019 11:01 AM

Prepare our city's systems well for the influx of new construction and new residents and to upgrade existing systems' functionality

Anonymous

9/17/2019 11:26 AM

Since my basement gets flooded from developement on Mt. Sequoyah do I get a reduction in taxes?

Anonymous

9/17/2019 11:50 AM

Eliminate some of the unsafe intersections in this city.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 12:28 PM

Do not charge homeowners in new subdivisions which already have retention ponds and do not contribute to stormwater issues.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 12:43 PM

Rethink the City's push to increase inner city density. It seems as if the size of the lot and the size of the structure should be a mitigating factor. If you have a large house with a small yard in which to capture rainwater you should be responsible

Anonymous

9/17/2019 01:51 PM

to preserve my capital. provide a plan to incentivize growth in Fayetteville instead taxing everyone to death.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 01:58 PM

Reduce the amount of unnecessary impervious surface in the city.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 02:13 PM

All of these items are the basics and they should be provided at current cost. Why are you doubling the cost for basic services that

should be provided at the current level of expense? I think you have grossly overestimate the cost. Payoffs?

Anonymous

9/17/2019 02:29 PM

Fix the stress and quit building trails for 2 percent of the population to use.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 04:09 PM

Flooding is a result of simple city mismanagement. Use your current tax dollars more wisely. Residents shouldnt have to pay extra for services that would be covered by any other appropriately managed city. Now the city is nickel and diming everyone

Anonymous

9/17/2019 05:28 PM

All the above listed services are important to a comprehensive stormwater management program.

Anonymous

9/18/2019 05:11 AM

I do not support being taxes more, paying more fees due to poor budget planning by the city.

Anonymous

9/18/2019 06:23 AM

Don't tax the rain.

Anonymous

9/18/2019 07:00 AM

None of the above. Leave things alone.

Anonymous

9/18/2019 07:02 AM

Your knew about ths when you asked for the bonds. Do nothing!

Anonymous

9/18/2019 08:13 AM

Will this money be used ONLY for Stormwater Utility and not diverted to other areas?

Anonymous

9/18/2019 08:52 AM

No fee should be charged. It is a tax so call it what it is. Use the existing funds.

Anonymous

9/18/2019 11:03 AM

Lower rates

Anonymous

9/18/2019 11:04 AM

Lower rates

Anonymous

Please call this what it is; a tax increase. Put it up for a vote.

9/18/2019 11:14 AM

Anonymous

9/18/2019 11:52 AM

Not the above. Some help may be needed but you knew that before the bond election

Anonymous

9/18/2019 04:15 PM

Encourage better land use. Infill is not great. All the hard surfaces being encouraged because of the supposed housing need is not helping with this "water problem" being created by the developers and city that allows it. I don't want to pay it.

Anonymous

9/18/2019 04:21 PM

You guys need to get your shit together. Why have the planning department Have planned ahead for this issue? Seems to me like you want to pawn your mistakes on the tax payers for not doing your jobs.

Irritated By Taxes in Fayetteville

9/18/2019 05:15 PM

No more taxes! That's my priority. Tax for library, tax for Arts Corridor, now another tax for storm water management?.

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9/18/2019 05:15 PM

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Anonymous

9/18/2019 07:45 PM

I don't support this measure

Anonymous

9/19/2019 05:43 AM

to repair existing drainage systems on City owned park property. i.e. Ridgeway/Shadowridge Park.

Anonymous

9/19/2019 07:58 AM

quit adding fees and taxes to make your job easier. Do the job you are paid to do with current resources

Anonymous

9/19/2019 08:11 AM

I, in No WAY! Support any increase in rainwater taxes to the city mismanaged coffers!

Anonymous

9/19/2019 08:49 AM

You should have told us about this before the bond election.

Anonymous

9/19/2019 08:51 AM

Get out of my pocket!

Anonymous

9/19/2019 12:41 PM

Don't add anything. Keep doing what you have been doing

Anonymous

9/19/2019 04:01 PM

Replace old piping.

Anonymous

9/20/2019 05:17 AM

There should be a discount for people who save rainwater from hard surfaces for later use, esp large commercial and residential developments to encourage more sustainable development and better use of water resources in the future.

Anonymous

9/20/2019 05:50 AM

Communicate to citizens regarding areas (or addresses) within the city that have the highest public costs to maintain.

Anonymous

9/20/2019 05:56 AM

Communicate to citizens regarding areas (or addresses) within the city that have the highest public costs to maintain.

Anonymous

9/20/2019 08:04 AM

Thorough assessment of actual flooding areas; New construction/developer fees first; Add and improve sidewalks before fees; Citizen rights...VOTE!; Funding levels clarification; Guarantee of city maintenance; Property owners cooperative, yearly credit

Anonymous

9/20/2019 03:04 PM

my \$500,000 home was almost flooded in 2017 due to the dry creek behind my house being backed up with debris from upstream

Anonymous

9/21/2019 09:49 AM

create less hard surface area

Anonymous

9/21/2019 02:08 PM

Not spending more of my money. Take money from other projects like the civil council that has accomplished nothing in a city that has never had discrimination issues.

Anonymous

9/21/2019 02:58 PM

Start and finish the projects that were passed by voters in the 2019 Bond. It's a great starting point. Then we can talk about raising taxes again.

Anonymous

9/22/2019 07:18 AM

Fix Stanton street flooding - if we get 10" of rain my house is going to flood from the street flow.

Anonymous

9/22/2019 11:53 AM

STOP THE HIGH DENSITY BUILDING. LEAVE MORE YARDS AND TREES AND SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS. YOU ARE ONLY ADDING TO THE DRAINAGE PROBLEMS. WHAT IS WRONG WITH OUR CITY LEADERSHIP????? YOU ARE RUINING OUR BEAUTIFUL CITY.

Anonymous

9/23/2019 07:41 AM

You new we had problems when you asked for a bond issue. Use your present budget

Anonymous

9/23/2019 07:42 AM

If there are problems use the funds you have now. What are your priorities?

Susan Jenkins

9/23/2019 07:54 AM

All the rest that are listed above.

Anonymous

9/23/2019 11:00 AM

take care of what we have

Anonymous

9/23/2019 01:36 PM

Driveway

Anonymous

9/23/2019 02:51 PM

For the past 20 years I have tried to get the ditches at my house fixed so there would not be rain water flowing through my yard but get brushed off each time I request help. I do not think that "rates" will help in this matter. It will take someone who

Anonymous

9/24/2019 05:09 AM

Don't impose fees. Use current funds where most needs exist.

Anonymous

9/24/2019 05:11 AM

You are elected to make this decision but you need better information than this survey will provide.

Garnett Wise

9/24/2019 05:54 AM

Encourage Low Impact Development elements such as permeable pavement parking lots, green roofs, bioswales, etc.

Anonymous

9/24/2019 09:22 AM

Is this more important than some other things you are funding?

Anonymous

9/24/2019 09:25 AM

Build the streets so safety during storms is not a problem!

Anonymous

9/24/2019 11:47 AM

My priority is to be able to afford my bills. This city shows little understanding for lower income residents. Higher taxes will require me to sell my home of 28 years and relocate to a more affordable location. NO MORE TAXES!!!

Anonymous

9/24/2019 01:59 PM

I think we already pay taxes for this and you should better send money collected.

Anonymous

9/24/2019 02:04 PM

I don't feel that this additional cost should be imposed at all. See comments below.

Anonymous

9/25/2019 04:14 AM

With the water quality bit are you saying we could be like Flintg?

Anonymous

9/25/2019 04:17 AM

Prioritise the cities budget. Much of this should be covered by the bond issues

Anonymous

9/25/2019 05:09 AM

Why did you not include this problem in the bond issue in April. This issue is more important than things purposed in the bond money. Now you are asking for another tax. This raises cost of living for everyone.

Anonymous

9/25/2019 12:07 PM

Anything but the stupid bike trails the city is building for a very small part of the population

Anonymous

9/25/2019 07:19 PM

Yes to limit the infill and development causing this problem Rather than asking the residence to pay for the infill problems the city has created

Anonymous

9/26/2019 08:40 AM

Construction of a retention pond in Covington Park housing addition along Mission Blvd. has blocked previously accessible low land for Timber Crest run off. Now TC has water flowing at high rates through the water easement area. Soil erosion problems.

Anonymous

9/26/2019 03:05 PM

Add additional drainage systems where they don't exist

Anonymous

9/27/2019 06:37 AM

I question any fee assessed against our household since all rainwater on our property, including driveway, is collected and channeled to the rear of the property where it is allowed to soak into the ground. This includes water from gutters.

AlexRaithe1

9/27/2019 09:23 AM

Road drainage

Anonymous

9/27/2019 01:57 PM

Concrete drainage areas (Millsap Rd i.e.) should be re-paved with permeable surface or returned to turf.

Anonymous

9/27/2019 02:15 PM

Do what you should have been doing

Anonymous

9/27/2019 02:16 PM

Use the present budget to do what have should have been done

Anonymous

9/27/2019 02:19 PM

You should have asked this before the bond election.

Anonymous

9/27/2019 02:24 PM

If these are real, pressing needs use some of the budget you are spending on less needed items.

Anonymous

9/28/2019 07:15 AM

If there are problems, why hasn't the city already addressed them?

Anonymous

9/28/2019 07:17 AM

Are you admitting you are not proactive in remove debris? I thought the new bond issue would used to correct some of the problems.

Anonymous

9/29/2019 09:03 AM

Take care of these problems, if they are problems, with the money you have

Anonymous

9/29/2019 09:04 AM

You should have been taking care of most of the above with your current budget.

Anonymous

9/29/2019 08:49 PM

Fairness in assessment. I live on 3.09 acres, most of it forested or lawn. I'm HELPING solve the problem.

Anonymous

9/30/2019 04:19 AM

Lower taxes

Anonymous

9/30/2019 05:18 AM

Rework development standards on hillsides that create much of the problem

Anonymous

9/30/2019 07:15 AM

Why don't you utilize what you have? Too many taxes, too little work going on. Wasteful spending. You will cause some people to be unable to afford their homes. Shame on you! If you used the labor you have you could keep debris from pipes, keep emergent

Anonymous

9/30/2019 08:25 AM

Please no more rate increases!

Anonymous

9/30/2019 08:30 AM

Use only for repair of storm drains. Stop all these rare increases, do only what's needed not what's wanted.

Anonymous

9/30/2019 09:08 AM

First of all I am a senior citizen on a fixed income, I own my home.. This problem is caused by the city allowing developers to build anywhere they please. I cannot afford this tax, it is unfair to residents on a fixed income

Anonymous

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Anonymous

9/30/2019 09:44 AM

To establish and enforce ordinances prohibiting abuse of storm systems by property owners and lawn contractors who place lawn debris into the city streets. I sent example photos to City Engineer.

Anonymous

9/30/2019 12:14 PM

If we do not receive city services for water and sewer we should not be billed

Anonymous

9/30/2019 12:20 PM

How about spending less on fire and police stations? Do they all need gas guzzling Tahoes?

Anonymous

9/30/2019 04:17 PM

No fees charged.

Anonymous

10/01/2019 03:31 PM

You have known about these problems for years. Use the current budget to address them.

Anonymous

10/01/2019 03:33 PM

Makes priorities and using the funds you have now for the things that are the most important.

Rambo

10/01/2019 05:15 PM

We live on a street where there are no drainage pipes! This new increase will not benefit me unless the city is going to install proper drainage on our street. Denver Ave. still deals with ditches. The fees collected will not benefit my area.

Anonymous

10/01/2019 05:18 PM

Have developers pay the fees that should have been assessed to them upon construction of asphalt covered parking lots and such

Anonymous

10/02/2019 11:41 AM

Why charge people a fee for this when they don't have a problem. Why isn't the 1% renewed tax used for this instead of so many bicycle boulevards? Only a small portion of that tax should be used for bicycle trails. They are concrete and the asphalt s

Anonymous

10/03/2019 06:37 AM

Prompt resolutions to issues previous addressed by the city regarding bond issue and then hearing this might not be addressed until years down the road. Will this new plan actually work or be just another item on a tabled list.

Anonymous

10/04/2019 11:26 AM

If these are new to you, where has your head and eyes been?

Anonymous

10/04/2019 11:28 AM

Use the budget your currently have to take care of these

Anonymous

10/04/2019 11:30 AM

If these are not the lowest priorities, use the money you have now.

Anonymous

10/04/2019 06:01 PM

Stop the infill that has caused the problem.

Anonymous

10/06/2019 08:41 AM

You know, or should have known, Fayetteville flash floods in a heavy dew. What have been spending our tax money on?

Anonymous

10/06/2019 08:42 AM

A survey like this is useless. You want more tax money, have an election.

Anonymous

10/06/2019 08:46 AM

Are telling us that Fayetteville is like Flint? Change how you spend our tax money to take care of our problems that are important.

Anonymous

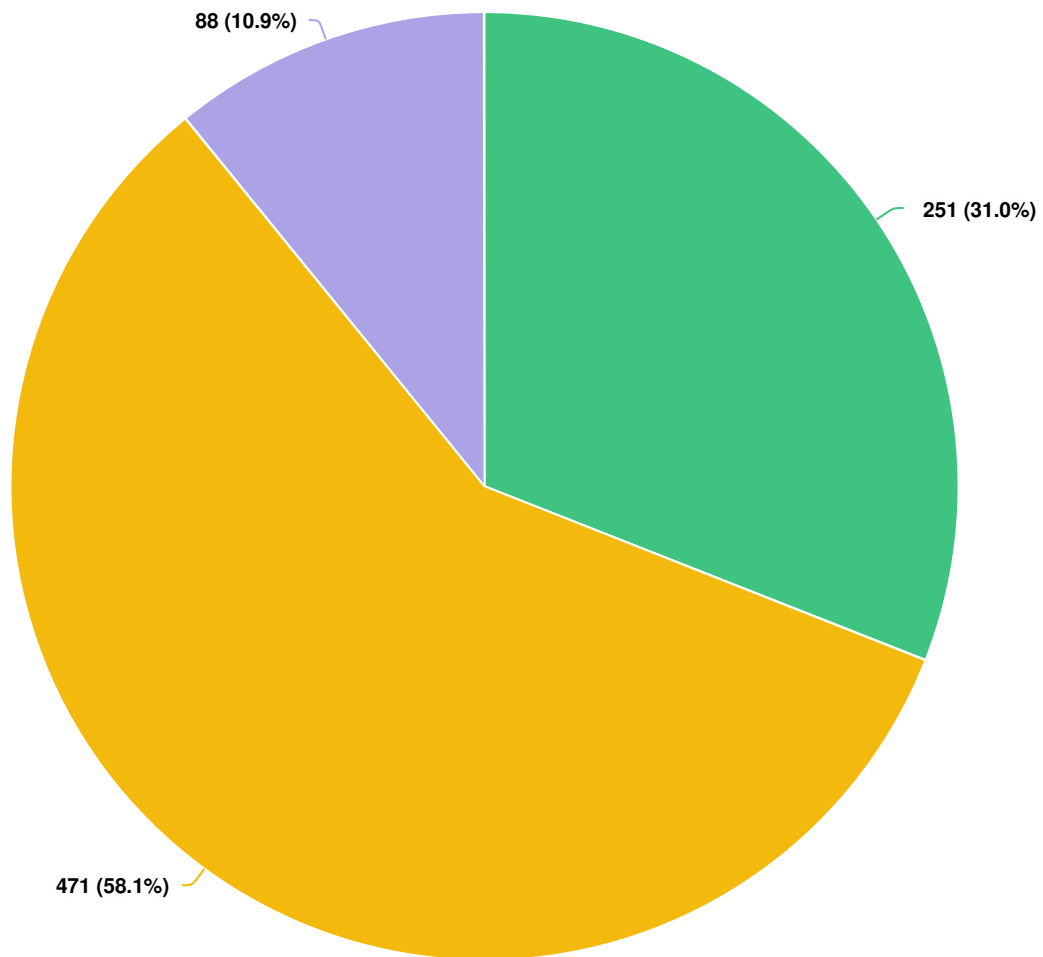
10/06/2019 09:41 AM

Fund sustainable best practices on every property; Require developers to be responsible for installation of sustainable best practices on all new construction;

Optional question (192 response(s), 626 skipped)

Question type: Single Line Question

Q6 Do you believe the rates proposed to be:

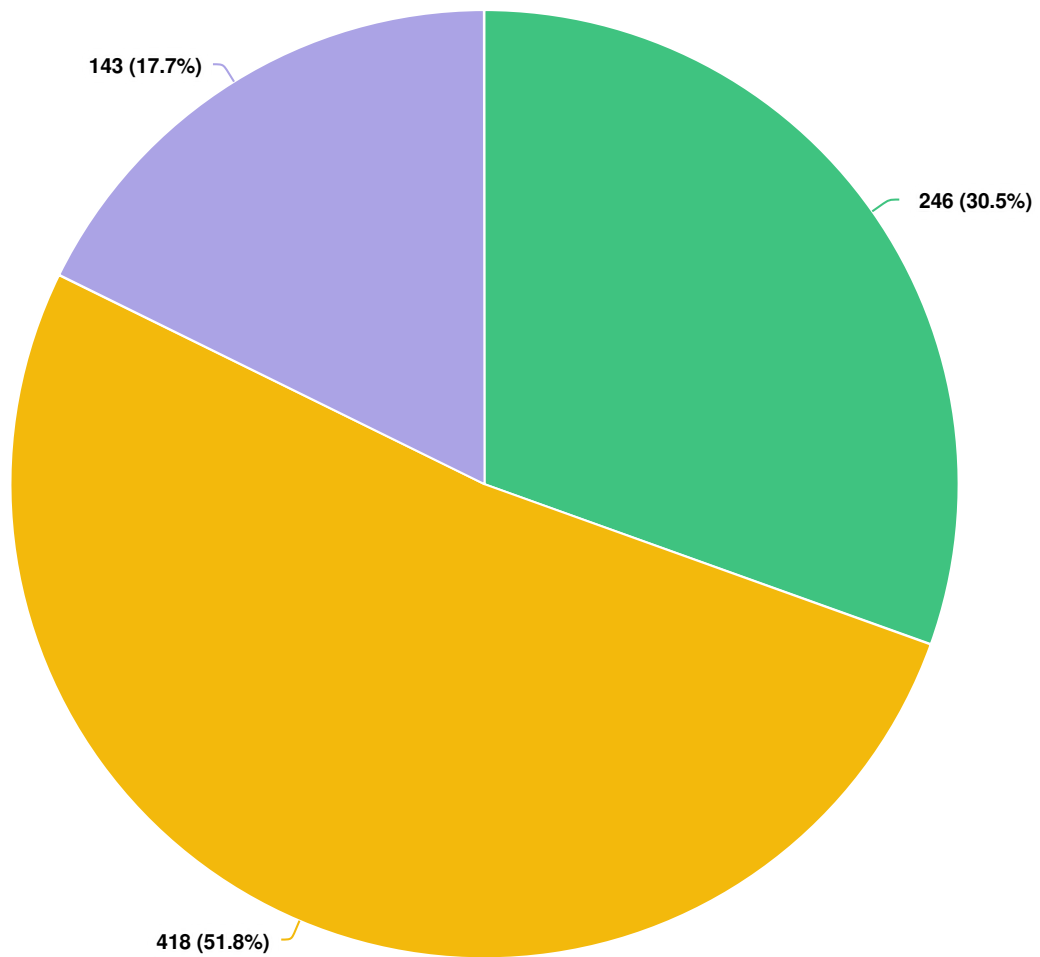


Question options

- Reasonable
- Unreasonable
- Not Sure

Optional question (810 response(s), 8 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q7 Do believe these proposed upper-tier fees to be:



Question options

- Reasonable
- Unreasonable
- Not Sure

Optional question (807 response(s), 11 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q8 | Do you have other comments about flood management and water quality funding in Fayetteville that you would like to provide?

Anonymous

7/11/2019 02:09 PM

My highest priority is to not tax your citizens any more. Fayetteville already has the highest tax rate. fyi fees and taxes are both money out of our pockets. fix your financial issues first before to add anything additional. If you cut out all the special elections and extra projects then you would have more to resources to pay for these needed services. Passing the bill to the taxpayers is not a solution.

Anonymous

7/11/2019 02:15 PM

No new tax which is what this is. Manage the incoming money better.

Anonymous

7/11/2019 02:26 PM

My concern is how the fees will be applied to residents that live in apartment complexes. I would like a clear example of how each household will be charged. Example • A two- to three-story apartment complex with 540 bedrooms, 310 units (4500,000 square feet of hard surface): \$832 per month How will that \$832 per month be divided up? Will the property management pay that? If residents are paying the tax (as I assume they would be) how will it be divided: by unit or by bedroom? Moving to Fayetteville has more then doubled my water bill; over half my bill is taxes and fees, not actual usage charges. I have concerns on the impact these taxes will have on residents that are contemplating moving away due to ever increasing living costs.

Anonymous

7/11/2019 02:30 PM

Curious as to why this wasn't included in the bond issue.

Anonymous

7/11/2019 02:47 PM

I don't think a tax should be imposed until there is a better understanding of the problem . In my case, my back yard area no longer absorbs water because of the clay left after storm drain pipe replacement and the creek backs up now maybe due to a spillway put in by the city.

Anonymous

7/11/2019 02:54 PM

I definitely understand the need for the fees and think in general that it is a good idea. However, I know a number of homeowners (retired and/or disabled) that are hanging on by a thread when it comes to adding even a few dollars a month to their bill. I mean, they are already having to give away their pets, being forced to give up their car to ride the bus (which is great to have available, but I think we can all agree that it is less than ideal if you are totally dependent), and choosing whether to buy food or medicine. I wonder if there would be any kind of exemption based on income...

Anonymous

7/11/2019 03:09 PM

I do not live in the flood plain, however, since our street has no gutters, and other gutters fail to capture water on streets uphill from my street, I have in past years bought high-deductible flood insurance for \$440/year. IF the drainage was fixed, my house would no longer be threatened by runoff - so I view this fee as less expensive. Also I view this fee as distributing the problem to the people that cause it - the flood water that flows to my house comes from hundreds of houses on Rosewood, Sheryl, Elizabeth, Centerwood, Hilldale and a few other streets so why is it my problem to pay for inadequately designed drainage on those streets if my house was to flood or why do I have to pay for flood insurance against water from others?

Anonymous

7/11/2019 03:10 PM

Charge the businesses. Residents pay enough fees.

Anonymous

7/11/2019 03:24 PM

No more taxes!!!!!!

Anonymous

7/11/2019 03:37 PM

The citizens of Fayetteville just voted to extend a sales tax to fund drainage issues in our city. Asking citizens to continue to pay more taxes is wrong and unacceptable. The city staff should have known the yearly funding was inadequate to support the drainage needs of the city. This should have been addressed in the bond issue. It is unacceptable to ask the citizens of Fayetteville to support another tax after one was just extended to pay for these issues.

Anonymous

7/11/2019 03:38 PM

I believe that it is the city's responsibility to adequately apply bond money and tax revue to areas of need in the appropriate priority. For example safe drinking water should get needed funding above parks & rec for example. There was a recent bond renewal of several hundred million. There has to be better oversight from city leaders to better allocate its financial resources. Needs before wants. Additional fees to funds a "need" that should be covered with available funds is out of bounds. The city should also re-examine its "high density" initiative, that will only compound flood water problems. As a city infrastructure before fun should be a mandate.

Anonymous

7/11/2019 03:58 PM

No

Anonymous

7/11/2019 04:17 PM

Why doesn't the city simply add a \$7.50/mo charge to everyone's water bill? That would cover the costs needed.

Anonymous

7/11/2019 04:58 PM

At times installation by utilities (e.g. cable companies) leads to permanent filling in of drainage ditches, and in turn to new drainage patterns that cause problems for homeowners (this happened above our house). Stricter enforcement and review is appropriate in such cases. The old street ditches still serve an important purpose in older areas, particularly on the hillsides.

Anonymous

7/11/2019 05:16 PM

Clean up the existing water, teach your kids not to litter, ever, and recycle everything. Quit throwing cigarette butts on the ground. Tax things like that. And please be kind, the road rage in this town is terrifying.

Anonymous

7/11/2019 07:03 PM

What consideration will be given to home owners who install water collection systems-rain barrels, rain gardens, ponds?

Anonymous

7/11/2019 08:35 PM

Stop all the freaking urbanization of the area. Stop trying to pile us in on top of each other. Stop allowing construction/builders to clear the land and not leave trees and proper foliage in place to properly control flooding. DO NOT bill me for issues that are being allowed and caused by the planning commission allowing over crowding and over building in the city.

Anonymous

7/11/2019 10:16 PM

An industrial facility that has planned for and is handling water management responsibly shouldn't pay for the city's idiotic and shortsighted mismanagement of new residential developments. There are areas on the west side of town that are wetlands/marshes that the city allowed to be developed as residential subdivisions that flood all the time that will require a ton of remediation. Responsible people, corporations and companies shouldn't be penalized for the city's poor planning.

Anonymous

7/12/2019 06:22 AM

Yes, charge more fees for developers and make sure all single family and duplexes comply with engineering standards for water quality and stormwater runoff.

Anonymous

7/12/2019 06:23 AM

I don't want to see this done thru a fee to residents. I want it done thru sales tax like I thought the recent bond issue would address. A commercial fee would be fine.

Anonymous

7/12/2019 06:57 AM

I feel that new construction especially in areas that affect flow, or are susceptible to flooding, should not be allowed or made to pay the brunt of these services.

Anonymous

7/12/2019 07:06 AM

Although facilities with large impervious services certainly contribute most to the drainage flow, these fees are too large. Your factory example shows an new annual fee of over \$17,000.00. Schools could face similarly huge new costs. Even reduced fees should be able to be somewhat offset by rain gardens and other drainage control facilities such as Sam's installed years ago. I would cap single family house and duplex rates at \$8.00 per month with tier 1 at \$2.00 and tier 2 at \$4.00 and tier 3 at \$5.00 to 6.00. With \$15 Million in bond money to spend first new drainage/stormwater fees should be kept to a minimum

Anonymous

7/12/2019 07:49 AM

Use of fees to install LID and other water quality features should be a priority!

Anonymous

7/12/2019 08:55 AM

Perhaps the city should prioritize infrastructure maintenance (needs) over things like the trail system (want) and the "Cultural Arts Corridor" (want). Most citizens have to live within their means and follow a budget while the city continually picks the pockets of its residents every time the council dreams up an idea for a new monument to itself.

Anonymous

7/12/2019 09:26 AM

There are areas and people affected by flooding more frequently lately. I appreciate the city trying to mitigate and be proactive in identifying flood water problems

Anonymous

7/12/2019 01:07 PM

This is a loaded survey. This is the "it's coming" because we are not willing to cut something else survey. The government tyranny runs heavy here. You need to cut other spending and focus the funds you have on these needed projects.

Anonymous

7/12/2019 01:18 PM

Have we thoroughly research our current priorities and maintenance/minor repair funding levels for roads, sidewalks, trails and other infrastructure features (future Arts Corridor) where we are creating future maintenance rqmts which might be lower priority than storm water maint/minor repairs on someone's house or damaging their property? Longer terms between resurfacing roads and/or replacing major construction vehicles quite so often?

Anonymous

7/12/2019 02:01 PM

Where is the final report from the study?

Anonymous

7/12/2019 04:22 PM

I have experience with flooding in my back yard and being denied reasonable help by the city engineer who kept saying there wasn't enough money to help me.

Anonymous

7/12/2019 04:50 PM

A 3600 SQ ft residence would be in Tier 3 under this proposal, but a 2-story house with 1800 SQ ft on each level would present the "hard surface" of a Tier 1 property while being charged as a Tier 3 property. This is ludicrous on its face, especially when compared with the fees already being charged which are more expensive than the actual service being charged for (i.e. fees on water & sewer make up more of the bill than the actual water & sewer). If the current management has let the situation get so bad that a bond election plus another 200% in fees is needed, that failed leadership should be replaced immediately. A workable budget needs to be put in place with a sunset on any proposed funding once things are back under control. An open ended, arbitrary fee to be used by the same group who put us in this debacle will not solve the problem, but will open the door for future fee increases without results. Why would I say that? Because that's exactly what this request is: a plea for money without accountability after we voted for more money already.

Anonymous

7/12/2019 05:55 PM

What is the new sales tax going for that the city just voted for???

Anonymous

7/12/2019 09:07 PM

I am concerned about the impact to senior citizens and those who are barely getting by. All of the taxes are adding up. Are there no alternate sources of funding?

Anonymous

7/13/2019 08:08 AM

Please consider the west side of Fayetteville when deciding where the flood management will be done. Remember we are residents and deserve as much care as the east side.

Anonymous

7/13/2019 09:14 AM

I need permission to erect a berm or retaining wall on a portion of my land near my home to keep the flood water out of my home and out buildings. I cannot get any type of exception even though I am the only one affected. Michael Paul 5901 W. Michael Cole Dr. 72704

Anonymous

7/13/2019 03:07 PM

No home owner over 65 should have to pay this tax.

Anonymous

7/13/2019 04:47 PM

Thank you for being proactive and please protect our water.

Anonymous

7/13/2019 10:19 PM

The City of Fayetteville lied to residents, was deceptive in the recent bond election and is irresponsible and untrustworthy. This should have been funded or included in the bond proposals before non-essential services such as the Arts Corridor. Citizens should have been given the option of where to prioritize funding and pick which projects are deemed essential, instead the council and mayor hide relevant information and berate citizens who point out that they are not being transparent

Anonymous

7/13/2019 10:56 PM

This will only increase the cost of living in Fayetteville. Better prioritize spending on non-essential items to fund this if absolutely necessary. There should be ZERO need for ANY increases in Fees, Taxes, or other revenue producing items for the next 50 years in Fayetteville with the recent massive Bond Issue of \$225 million and the continued growth of the city and its tax revenue. Taxed Enough Already!

Anonymous

7/14/2019 03:06 AM

Please. I can barely afford to live in Fayetteville anymore. Stop the fees and taxes.

Anonymous

7/14/2019 04:00 AM

Newer commercial construction should not be penalized because in the 70s the city let developers build terrible drainage systems. If a commercial property was correctly engineered it should not have to pay a higher psf rate. Older buildings built with no regard to drainage are already paid off (and we're cheaper to build in the first place) and should have to pay more than a newer building that paid substantial sums for engineering, ponds, drains, etc.

Anonymous

7/14/2019 06:51 AM

Our current ridiculously high sewer rates should be enough to cover this. NO NEW TAXES!!

Anonymous

7/14/2019 07:37 AM

Oh my God! How many more fees can we take? Why can't you use our property tax we currently pay. I'm against any NEW fees and any NEW taxes. Look at that damn huge library that is unnecessary. I didn't vote for that either.

Anonymous

7/14/2019 09:22 AM

This shouldn't require more taxes. We pay too much already and just approved massive bonds for non Essential projects. The city should budget better. With our growth and increased tax revenue, this is

totally unacceptable.

Anonymous

7/14/2019 12:44 PM

We already pay too much!

Anonymous

7/14/2019 03:19 PM

Stop putting money in to bike trail

Anonymous

7/14/2019 03:57 PM

Stop building trails and "art" and use the latest \$250000000 in taxes to fix the city. Stop adding more taxes.

Anonymous

7/14/2019 03:58 PM

We are the most taxed county in the state and Arkansas leads the country as 3rd in sales tax % rates. We need to look at current policies and projects and reorganize where the money collected is going now. This looks as a new way to make Fayetteville less business and family friendly.

Anonymous

7/14/2019 04:14 PM

Stop building trails and "art" and use the latest \$250000000 in taxes to fix the city. Stop adding more taxes.

Anonymous

7/15/2019 06:57 AM

Protect our water-definitely the most important environmental issue today for America.

Anonymous

7/15/2019 09:44 AM

I don't think you should put more tax on persons for owning homes !

Anonymous

7/15/2019 11:06 AM

The rates for the lower 3 tiers should be lower and the rates for the upper two tiers should be higher.

Anonymous

7/15/2019 12:19 PM

I'd like to see the city lower gear proposed rates and find additional funding somewhere else in the budget. I think it is appropriate to charge based on square footage of hard surface area for residences and businesses but with the recent passage of bond funding I feel these proposed rates are too high. I'd also like to see a system that incentivizes stormwater controls like permeable pavers, green roofs, and rain gardens.

Anonymous

7/15/2019 01:19 PM

Aren't our property taxes used for such things. I do not believe we need another "fee".

Anonymous

7/15/2019 03:10 PM

The rates for proposal schedule tier 1-5 do not adequately reflect the use of property, they are strictly based on size not amount of use in each household. The upper-tier fees appear to follow the incorrect logic of looking at size of building and City bias on business and commercial, versus how much sewage, and water use establishments might use for customers .(i.e. it is not known that a retailer uses more than a quick serve restaurant facility)

Anonymous

7/15/2019 08:43 PM

I live downstream of work that the city has done to try to alleviate flooding in & near the Washington Willow Historic District. I'm concerned that will mean an increased chance of flooring for my property. Please consider the whole picture when improvements are made. While the "improvements" may benefit some; they may also harm others. Thank you.

Anonymous

7/17/2019 11:01 AM

Instead of spending City money on the nice to have things like the Cultural Arts Corridor, use the funds on necessary items like outdated drainage and flooding issues. Adding additional fees to citizens will cause a hardship on individuals on fixed incomes. Businesses will have to raise prices to cover this additional expense. Individuals with rental property will have to raise rent to cover this fee. This looks like another thing to drive business out of Fayetteville. I think this fee is a bad idea. The City needs to find the money somewhere else besides the tax paying citizens & businesses.

Anonymous

7/17/2019 01:37 PM

People are moving here from all over. Those that have come from Illinois, Colorado, or California should never have a say in how Arkansas is run. Mark my words, They are moving from states with liberal ideals and they need to know that they cannot come to Arkansas and vote the same way that they did there, otherwise Arkansas will become the same as those states. Liberal, Broke, with Failed Policies.

Anonymous

7/17/2019 02:44 PM

Me and family have been staying in this house that we are in for almost 5 years. In 2017 our house flooded due to it is not a drain duth byhide the house. We lost everything. We was usured that the City will fix it. We never got a have heavy rain until July 2019. Our house flooded again .It was becaue what was told from the city was to be done and had not been done it. Addition to that the city contrcat a company to do piping on our street. They dug a huge hot in the front yard they did not infrom the owners of the home nor us. We had to deal with this hole in the yard for 2 month. It was not secured the just put iron sticks and put tape around it. At the time that should been

working (THE CONTRACTORS) they will asleep in their white trucks. I didn't let you know that I have a 4 year at the time and he could not play in the yard because this big hole. They also cut our water off hours and didn't let us know we had to go out ask if they had cut off .. and yes they and they didn't when they will cut it back on. I have pictures of all of this if you would like to see them. I can't understand if the city is out to help the residents that stay Fay,AR. Why is the second that is been talked out in money.. just do what you are responsible of doing, Too many families has lost this that they can't be replaced and displaced from their because of what city has not done. Something needs to be done and someone needs to be responsible for these house are flooding . If you are willing to get more info and pictures you can reach me at.
dorca870_hinton@yahoo.com

Anonymous

7/17/2019 05:26 PM

I personally would love to see large incentives for green roofing and living walls. These types of installations have a significant positive effect on storm water runoff as well as heat island effect in urban areas. It makes sense to me, money spent in this way would have an exponential return on investment for the city with no maintenance costs involved. I also believe the more green space a city has, the better the residents are who want to live in that city. Let us not attract the kind of people who think Amarillo is a pretty place.

Anonymous

7/17/2019 05:37 PM

To provide a higher level of protection for Fayetteville's watersheds and the streams within them is a TOP PRIORITY for me. I frequently enjoy the trail systems, many of which are bordered by streams. It is unfortunate how polluted these streams appear to be. These efforts in combination with banning single-use plastics would be steps in the right direction.

Anonymous

7/18/2019 06:58 AM

I feel that as a citizen and a taxpayer to the City of Fayetteville, the storm water problems should be fixed by the taxes we pay each year. The homeowner should not be charged fees. With a fixed income to certain residents this is an added burden to them each month. Since the bonds were approved to take care of storm water issues, the tax payer should not have to pay an additional fee for their homes, businesses, etc.

Anonymous

7/18/2019 08:09 AM

If the city is growing faster that public safety and maintenance can keep up, then the city needs to seriously look at what it is doing to itself. With the passing of the bond, I am VERY against any rate hikes because the city feels it is necessary to live outside its means, by continuing to grow the city faster than it can keep up. The current

residents should not be expected to pay for the future growth when the city can't provide for what it has now.

Anonymous

7/18/2019 08:22 AM

Attacking it now to alleviate the next flood season problems.

Anonymous

7/21/2019 09:39 AM

Properties that implement and maintain low impact development technologies and /or on site water retention should receive an appropriate reduction in their fee. Also there are certain areas of the city where development has a greater negative impact on stormwater flows and water quality that is not being incorporated in the program. Example of these areas are floodplains, steep slopes and hydrologic soil limitations.

Anonymous

7/21/2019 09:45 AM

I would like to have more transparent access to additional levels of detail on how the calculations were carried out?

Anonymous

7/22/2019 10:14 AM

The entire North Maxwell drainage route is pitiful. The city has an ordinance about keeping drainage ditches clear -- no infill. But there is NO TEETH to the ordinance. Code compliance can do nothing when residents INTENTIONALLY try to infill the ditches. My next door neighbor doesn't like mowing the ditch and every year he *intentionally* blows leaves into the ditch and burns them! There's another guy on South Maxwell that does the same thing. It took me a few years of emails and constant complaints to the city before a crew dug out the infill he created & that acted as a weir to drainage. In other words, ditch water had to reach a certain level before it drained past his house and into the pipe to cross the street -- N. Maxwell -- and continue west. Thus, water would stand in my ditch until it filtered down or evaporated and this IMPEDES drainage on my property. There is almost zero slope on Maxwell so this is an issue. When the city FINALLY responded to my emails and calls and re-dug his section of the ditch, he was livid -- totally ignores how it impacts use upstream. While I intentionally place yard brush in the ditch for a bulk pick-up, I place branches so that there is space underneath and water can FLOW in case it rains before I can get a pick-up scheduled (and there is no other place to put brush so it can be accessed by the bulk contractor). Also, since the flow crosses the street and continues on the other side, it took me a few emails to get the city to clean out the ditch on the north side of North Maxwell because it was grossly overgrown with brush and trees in addition to soil. Still drainage is slow. But the city has NEVER cleaned out the drainage ditch at the end of the design (where it turns 90 deg north then 90 deg west again to flow behind 1340 N. Maxwell toward Stephens Street -- for that matter, the MAJORITY of the EASEMENT behind the N. Maxwell

properties acts as drainage and has NOT BEEN MAINTAINED and the city has allowed the electrical company to get away with it. it would be welcomed if the city would pay more attention to the drainage and street needs instead of bicycle paths. I have never -- seriously, never -- seen one person riding in any of the eyesore pathways that the city has created for bicycles -- not one. And the city has allowed North and South Maxwell streets to fall into disrepair as well -- we lost some width when the new water pipe was laid and they've never been resurfaced and the EDGES RESTORED. #@(!*)#).

Anonymous

7/22/2019 04:35 PM

Curbs on all down hill roads with drainage would be nice.

Anonymous

7/22/2019 06:05 PM

Why was this issue bit brought up before the bind vote. Why is this just now being discussed that there is not enough money for drainage issues. Who is responsible for this mess. The city asked the citizens to extend the bond and we were told it would address drainage issues and now we are being asked to pay more money. This is why we have trouble with affordable housing. Property owners are being given a bait and switch. This is unacceptable the way this is being done. The city leaders should be embarrassed and the city engineers should be questioned about this. How was this issue missed or was it the plan all along to wait till after the bond vote and then come back and ask for more money. Shameful

Anonymous

7/22/2019 06:06 PM

The rates proposed for apartment complexes and large retailers are not realistic. Fayetteville already has an issue with affordable housing and this proposed fee will further increase rental rates. With regards to large retail stores the fee will not promote further development or the attraction of new retailers to the city.

Anonymous

7/22/2019 07:06 PM

Maybe Fayetteville should encourage the use of rain barrels. Not the cheap kind of blue barrels, but something that looks great and can match the exterior of most people's homes. Maybe host a seminar for Fayetteville to learn how to install these rain barrels on their properties, for a fee of course. The fee can be used to help provide water quality funding. Not sure how much of an impact water barrels can do, but I would think it could have a positive impact on the watershed.

Anonymous

7/23/2019 08:00 AM

No more taxes

Anonymous

7/23/2019 11:31 AM

Thank you for addressing storm water management and water quality

Anonymous

7/23/2019 01:06 PM

The greater the surface area, the greater the fee should be. I don't see anything for commercial. They should be taxed the most.

Anonymous

7/24/2019 06:36 AM

I'm tired of the city board and committees causing the long time citizens of Fayetteville extra problems and expense because of the decisions they make. Stop the urbanization of Fayetteville. Stop over building and cutting down all the trees and removing all the green spaces in town. Just because you can put 3 houses or apartment complexes on a lot doesn't mean you should. That is what has caused the flooding issues. Stop now before it gets worse. Don't charge me, a citizen who owns property, because the city screwed up. Charge extra to all the renters and rental owners, if you want to get money for the issues they have created.

Anonymous

7/27/2019 10:22 AM

Businesses that have garden/grass landscaping that reduces run off and filters water should have a reduction in rates. Encourage businesses to be environmentally responsible with their spaces

Anonymous

7/30/2019 04:53 AM

I am flustered that you have as my father would say "got the cart in front of the horse".... For some reason "in fill" has come before infrastructurewhat bill are you going to give the city for all the hard surface trails/bike lanes that have gone in.... Just look at Old Wire road....1 sidewalk could have been made wider to support bikes but instead, in addition to the sidewalk you add a 9' trail.... I voted for this last bond, but did not vote for the trails and entertainment area because I believe you needed to take care of what we have, make the infrastructure better, then you can go to things like that. I understand change, but people moved here for what Fayetteville was, family friendly affordable single family homes....with yards and green space, where the water runoff can go....not all these apartments I just shake my head at what our local government has allowed Fayetteville to become. I just pray that the North end of town does not get invaded by apartments like the South end of town has. Streets should stay safe, not become more dangerous to drive on. Yards should stay yards and not in-filled with a second house. You should have taken care of what we had, then made it better, before you started to allow overcrowding in our great city. Now you are trying to back peddle and want homeowners to pay the price. The decisions you have made have caused this issue now. Sorry to rant, but I believe the local governments priorities need to be realigned. Everything you do effects everything else, you can not just focus on how to get more people to move here without knowing how you will

take care of them....police, firefighters, roads, drainage..... Don't forget the people that have been loyal to Fayetteville, live in Fayetteville, and love Fayetteville....don't just cater to bringing in new people that are just using Fayetteville as a quick stop for a few years Some of us have lived here for a long time and are planning to live here for a long time to come, think of us when you make these plans.....

Anonymous

7/30/2019 05:48 PM

Do not want the water fees raised

Anonymous

7/30/2019 06:31 PM

I think this should be an important goal of our city to keep up with the growth the City and the UA seem bound and determined to encourage. We are not keeping up with our growth rate.

Anonymous

7/30/2019 07:09 PM

Do not raise fees! Should have given people this as an option when the bond was passed. You took too much already.

Anonymous

7/31/2019 06:23 AM

Thank you for the work you all are going. I would like to see a financial incentive program for commercial and residential developments that implement LID strategies.

Anonymous

7/31/2019 09:47 AM

Regarding the fee structure for large structures/properties, would these amounts hurt the city's ability to attract and retain businesses? Are other surrounding municipalities charging (or planning to charge) similar fees?

Anonymous

7/31/2019 09:54 AM

get rid of all plastic, including styrofoam that clog our streams

Anonymous

7/31/2019 11:02 AM

find another source of revenue. don't tax me further. cut program(s) to make this work. it's called prioritizing.

Anonymous

7/31/2019 11:06 AM

Perhaps there is a modified plan instead of doing all that is proposed, rather to do part of what is proposed (highest priorities) and charge lower rates than projected. For example, limit efforts to replacing drainage structures and clearing debris out of ditches and drain pipes, which seem to me to be the two most practical things to do. I am assuming you have done a calculation to see what the fees would generate based on businesses and homes in Fayetteville in order to back into the proposed rates.

Anonymous

7/31/2019 11:07 AM

This is a really important evolution of the work that Fayetteville has been doing. A system that is diverse and uses LID and green infrastructure (trees, roots, soil, shrubs) to manage stormwater, will make our city and the region more resilient to future storm events. This is a system that has to be built into building codes, and the rest of the Unified Development Code. It must be integrated and required for there to be beneficial outcomes across the board. Thanks for all you're doing.

Anonymous

7/31/2019 11:37 AM

Properties that employ LID or other best management practices should receive a discount. Please incentivize LID development and model it with improved public infrastructure.

Anonymous

7/31/2019 12:10 PM

There should be credits and/or other incentives to encourage landowners to implement water quality and quantity mitigation measures on their properties. There might also be consideration of credit banking where larger land holders could implement regional solutions, and other landowners could purchase credits from them.

Anonymous

7/31/2019 12:21 PM

There should be a one-time fee going forward that is large enough to encourage/exceed the extra cost of permeable parking lots/driveways.

Anonymous

7/31/2019 07:22 PM

I would like to know the feasibility of parking garages for apartment complexes instead of the acres of parking lots now used. The area bounded by MLK and 15th St/ Razorback Rd. and the access road before 49th is almost totally impervious paving, as are the new apts. going up south of 15th. We already have a flooding issue here.

Anonymous

8/01/2019 07:47 AM

Fayetteville needs to be a driver on this issue to show the other cities the possibilities. As NWA keeps growing we need to combat this growing issue.

Anonymous

8/02/2019 03:54 PM

This is a tax that will be passed along to the cities renters, causing already expensive housing to become more unaffordable. This tax will especially be difficult for all renters including students, low income families, and the LGBTQ Community of Fayetteville.

Anonymous

8/02/2019 04:36 PM

Live in greenland, don't know what ward, and we pay fayetteville water bills. If we get rate increases then please fix our block. The side

with main water lines there is no drainage at all. Yards flood out, under homes, into garages ect. Off block of s. Napier, to shadow drive, to scott street and circle drive. This all needs proper drainage and sidewalks. Please use funds where needed and this block needs all of this.

Anonymous

8/02/2019 07:54 PM

Flooding over bridges

Anonymous

8/07/2019 01:47 PM

Since the construction on the west side of town caused the flood plain to change about 15 years ago to include more properties/land area, it would be great if these improvements would decrease the flood plain areas back to what they were.

Anonymous

8/12/2019 08:18 AM

This needs to happen. But the fees seems high. I can get behind these fees if they are lower than listed.

Anonymous

8/12/2019 08:58 AM

It seems like these charges might be better accepted if they are phased in over a period of time. Increased education regarding storm water and water quality impacts within the City and the bio-region might also pave the way for a greater understanding of need. And thank you for all of your efforts on behalf of all of us in the City.

Anonymous

8/13/2019 08:25 AM

The City needs to spend its money efficiently, instead of taxing people and businesses, spend less on wasteful policies and programs that are currently in place. Fayetteville is doing nothing but making housing more expensive for its residents and driving more sales tax dollars to Springdale and Benton County. Think this through.

Anonymous

9/13/2019 03:16 PM

It's already too expensive to build and live in Fayetteville. This will be another reason for businesses and residents to choose other cities to live and do business in.

Anonymous

9/13/2019 03:40 PM

remove the trees from roadways. keep the leaves out of the streets and gutters

Anonymous

9/13/2019 03:46 PM

I'm so tired of how the city of Fayetteville continues to charge its citizens for everything. Get some grant money from the state or FEMA and leave us alone. I think the whole city council is corrupt liberals that keep mooching off of the citizens here. Pathetic!

Anonymous

9/13/2019 04:24 PM

STOP BUILDING 8' SIDEWALKS AND AND WALKING PATHS AND FIX THE ROADS AND DRAINS. THE WALKWAY ON OLD WIRE NORTH OF TOWNSHIP IS STUPID WHEN WE NEED TURN LANES ON THAT ROAD. PATHWAYS ARE GREAT BUT WE HAVE PLENTY OF WALKWAYS AND PARKS AND THEY ARE GREAT AND WE ALL USE THEM BUT WE USE THE ROADS AND DRAINS MORE,

Anonymous

9/13/2019 04:55 PM

Lately the installation of underground cable in a roadside ditch near us resulted in filling in most of the ditch, greatly reducing its drainage capacity. More vigorous enforcement would prevent utility installations from creating problems for homeowners. This ought not to cost a lot, if anything: it only requires a determination to keep drainage channels open.

Anonymous

9/13/2019 05:57 PM

We already pay enough taxes. You just call them fees.

Anonymous

9/13/2019 05:59 PM

I have asked the city to mitigate a flooding issue on my property and it has fallen on deaf ears so to speak and now you want to basically tax me to help support others while I was told to basically solve it myself. I really don't like this form of taxation. Tell the others to solve their problem themselves just like you told me to.

Anonymous

9/13/2019 06:17 PM

1. The city of Fayetteville is causing businesses to move or go to our northern neighbors due to constant demand of more money. 2. Reduce some exceed spending of money on these wide sidewalks and walking paths and use that money for flood management. 3. The core citizens of Fayetteville are tired of the constant demand of money for projects that are unnecessary.

Anonymous

9/13/2019 06:55 PM

These fees are stupid, because they are retroactive to fix YOUR poor planning.

Anonymous

9/13/2019 10:05 PM

Only fair way would be per 1000 sq ft on hard surface not by house sq ft. Multi story does not have as much sq ft as single story.

Anonymous

9/14/2019 04:53 AM

I feel this will greatly deter businesses from coming to Fayetteville and likely cause some of the larger industrial and commercial businesses to relocate, causing the city to lose significant tax income. Furthermore, I feel it could leave the city with abandoned large

infrastructure, and that creates a whole new set of problems.

Anonymous

9/14/2019 06:31 AM

no new tax!!!

concernedcitizen

9/14/2019 07:15 AM

Stop creating reasons (plastics, storm water, etc) to increase your budgets, thus increasing our taxes. This city is already anti business enough. All of these fees and taxes just get passed thru to consumers. Stop look at cities like Portland and Austin as examples, just look 20 miles to the north to see the proper way to run a city.

Anonymous

9/14/2019 08:31 AM

Please plan ahead and use the most durable materials available, even if they cost more. The city's not going away, flash flooding isn't going away.

Anonymous

9/14/2019 09:49 AM

When large parking lots are put in, are there requirements for holding "pools" or holding areas for runoff rain water? Example, Fitness One and Cross Church Campus. Where does all that water go? Many homes downstream from there were flooded in 2017. The creek along Porter is always plugged up.

Anonymous

9/14/2019 10:16 AM

Is there any consideration being given to waiving the fee for those within a Streamside Protection zone? We're already living under restrictions, which negatively affect our property rights and values, designed to help alleviate flooding issues.

Anonymous

9/15/2019 06:48 AM

The funding mechanism is itself objectionable. Water bills in Fayetteville are already excessive. Prefer broader based (such as sales tax) revenue sources rather than continually adding to the burden for the property owner. Rain falls on streets, school roofs and public parking lots too- everyone benefits but only those who own private property-and thus pay most water bills-pay.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 04:53 AM

I am a fan of being Proactive as long as the plan is well thought out and impartial. This plan appears to fit these criteria.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 05:49 AM

I do not support yet one more expansion of city government in Fayetteville. I reject the entire premise of this proposed fee structure. I don't think Fayetteville has a flooding problem meriting this funding in the first place.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 06:30 AM

I would like fayetteville to provide education about rain gardens, run off water, and offer initiatives for people to clean drains and stop polluting the water on their own. Beaver Watershed Alliance has some nice stuff going on. talk withbthem.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 06:44 AM

Please prioritize low impact development instead of hard engineering. LID strategies provide wildlife habitat and neighborhood beautification benefits and can engage the community in actively caring for their watershed via community benefit agreements.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 07:04 AM

The proposed monthly fees are WAY cheaper than repairing flood damage. Home insurance won't cover flood damage, and even flood insurance (FEMA flood insurance) won't cover any damage to property in your yard such as downed fences. So this is a good thing IF it is focused on flood prevention / property protection. If Homeowners are the ones paying the fee based on the home they own, protecting those homes should be Priority #1. It's only fair.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 07:29 AM

I live in Greenland. How would these fees impact me if approved?

Anonymous

9/16/2019 07:30 AM

We are taxed enough already. Do it out of current funding.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 07:35 AM

this "tax the rich" slant on this entire proposal is nothing more than propaganda to make people think someone else will take care of our needs. shame on all of you. if the city can find the money in their budget to pay for what is happening on Old Wire Road, then it can find the money to deal with our storm sewers. a little common sense goes a long way.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 08:20 AM

The upper-tier fees are way too low. Penalizing individual citizens to give breaks to the corporations whose impermeable parking lots cause flooding is a massive insult.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 09:44 AM

BIG BUSINESS SHOULD BE PAYING MORE AS THE COVER MORE LAND(PARKING LOTS ANS SIZE OF THERE BUILDINGS) THEY ALSO HAVE LESS TREES AND BUSHES TO SLOW DOWN WATER FLOW!!!

Anonymous

9/16/2019 10:11 AM

It seems to me that Fayetteville is already pretty involved in regulating storm water runoff when it comes to new construction of commercial properties and residential developments. There are retention ponds and bio-swales all over the place. If the point of these was to lessen the impact of storms and keep from overloading the drainage system, is this new tax an admission that those (already costly) regulations didn't work? Also, I live out on Wyman road, just barely in city limits. The city's storm water infrastructure out there consists of a roadside ditch (that I maintain) and, down the road a bit, a box culvert under Wyman that has been there for probably 40 years and still has another 40 years of service. I would be paying another \$100 or so a year for...not much. There's no doubt that a sizeable chunk of this new tax increase would go towards the administrative aspect of this plan. The amount of work that would be involved in assessing every piece of property in town would be pretty substantial. It seems that the simplest way to generate more revenue for the city would be to increase the existing fee that covers this. Might not be the most equitable or whatever, but if it means that a greater percentage of the additional money would actually go to dealing with the water instead of being sucked up into administrative overhead, it would be worth it. From my perspective, taxes are already high enough in Fayetteville. If the city truly needs more money for stormwater runoff, they need to do it in the most efficient manner possible. This doesn't seem like the best way to accomplish that.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 10:11 AM

All newer properties have storm water management control already. These newer properties have spent thousands in storm water control. Are you taxing them anyway? It does not look like you are fair in your taxing of existing properties. A 2 story 2,400 SF house would only have 1,200 SF of footprint of hard surface. Also maybe a percentage of the entire lot should be factored in as well. A 2,400 SF house on a 2.5 acre lot will not contribute much if any runoff. The driveway could have some runoff but the house probable not any. I know there are big houses on tiny lots probably 90% hard surface and a bad contributor to run off but you should not tax larger lots with only 2% hard surface the same. It seems like a big money grab, not fairly administrated, for very little service.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 10:44 AM

I don't think we have a "flooding problem" very rarely is a street impassable and I live off mally wagnon by the river, one of the few places that does flood and we all just go around.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 11:36 AM

I appose the raise in monthly water bills to cover your costs. Your allocated 15.8 million and still it's not enough. It's never enough money and you take it from the hard working people. NO

Anonymous

9/16/2019 11:39 AM

Although I believe Fayetteville to be well managed. I think the public should be made aware of the real amenities we are paying for now. Walking trails, Fayetteville Funky budgets etc..Flood control is a basic need and budgeted before amenities. Gary Harvey

Anonymous

9/16/2019 11:48 AM

Quit building houses so close together. Quit tearing down our wildlife habitat. I've complained to the city for years that they don't keep their creeks and streams clear of debris .

Anonymous

9/16/2019 11:50 AM

Quit building houses so close together. Quit tearing down our wildlife habitat. I've complained to the city for years that they don't keep their creeks and streams clear of debris .

Anonymous

9/16/2019 11:56 AM

We already gave you millions.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 12:02 PM

I personally just feel that we get "nickled and dimed" to death with city charges. I understand the need for more money, and budget constraints, but please consider the income and families that this affects by charging another \$25 minimum per year to families.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 12:03 PM

Sewer capacity must be adequate before building permits are granted

Anonymous

9/16/2019 12:25 PM

Looks like just another government fee imposed to drive costs up to residents and mainly businesses. Rent and other property costs are already high and this will just add to already leaving or unsustainable business cost.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 12:25 PM

Find a way to bring some revenue into this city versus piling yet another tax on the residents. I am retired, fixed income. I was already gouged \$65 to have my sprinkler system inspected, now you want to add another \$60+ to my water bill? We already pay a ridiculously high sales tax. How many new businesses have opened in Fayetteville vs Springdale, Rogers or Bentonville? Find another way to fund this issue; do away with a mural, stop with the boulevards and/or stop ruining our streets with the ridiculous bike paths.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 12:27 PM

Yes, please vote NO on RZN 19-6716.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 12:28 PM

When is the city of Fayetteville going to quit raising rates & wasting so mu money Lower something!

Anonymous

9/16/2019 12:45 PM

I would like for green roofs and green walls to be mentioned as permeable surfaces in the equation as property owners are figuring out their rates. Thank you for the work you're doing.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 12:56 PM

I think that these funds should be included in sales taxes. Not fee based and should be voted upon. Permanent solutions should be funded not drainage ditches (suitable for rural farmland, not cities). Bike paths and parks have been developed before infra structure? Makes absolutely no sense.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 01:13 PM

I have been researching and trying to find solutions to all the concrete driveways in Fayetteville, especially my own. When we have to replace it (sooner rather than later), I would like to find a permeable solution. The city should find good practical and cost effective solutions to help citizens who want to replace hard surfaces. Maybe materials and plans could be made available for a good price. Build models and let the public view them. I volunteer to be a model home, in fact. Maybe Fayetteville would reward homeowners and builders who use permeable materials. Also, what about encouraging water barrels and other activities that catch the storm water. Is there vegetation that absorbs more water than our turf lawns? If so, encourage and reward such practices. I live "downstream" and am concerned about all the development that sends water toward me.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 01:15 PM

The current proposed rates seem excessive for what we are getting back. I do think these fees may be helpful, but perhaps starting a little lower would get more residential support.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 01:20 PM

I don't know why we need this for the city. The city does not help anyway, and has not done anything to help in the past. I have no idea why we are spending so much money for services that will not be done anyway.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 01:23 PM

The 15.8 million that we voted and approved seems like payment enough. It seems more of the bond should have been allocated for this and the oversight on the city's part is now looking to cost us more with this proposed fee structure. As a resident I feel like we are always being asked to approve more and more money/costs are

going up. Is there a rainwater resource that could help pay for this? Grants? Asking us to pay for this both through a fee and a tax seems murky and unfair. Stormwater service fees seem to open the door for litigation and confusion. Perhaps you should start with service fees on those who don't pay taxes.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 01:28 PM

Mail-out does not state how decision on fee increase will be decided. Vote of people?

Anonymous

9/16/2019 01:29 PM

All the money in the world for bike trails but you wanna tax the rain in order to manage run off??

Anonymous

9/16/2019 02:03 PM

Please don't increase the cost of living and doing business in Fayetteville.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 02:04 PM

Please don't increase the cost of living and doing business in Fayetteville.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 02:04 PM

FEMA provides funding annually for flood management. Not for sure why additional funding is still needed. More important, residents do not seem to benefit anything from flood management related projects

Anonymous

9/16/2019 02:05 PM

The city should have prepared for this situation. I am not in favor of any other fees for water.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 02:06 PM

It is necessary to protect our clean water supply. It is also imperative to prepare for more frequent and heavier rains due to climate change.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 02:06 PM

The city should budget for these expenses and not tax more.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 02:26 PM

I'm in favor of capital projects that take care of correcting current drainage problems and doing preventive maintenance and projects for future growth.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 02:43 PM

Fayetteville is already taxed enough. Many property owners in Fayetteville are elderly and have a fixed income. After the Library addition tax that was added, this would take more funds from their already low fixed income. It is the City's responsibility to be good

stewards of the public funds, not ask for increases every time they have an infrastructure need. Infrastructure and safety ought to be first priorities of the public's monies.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 02:44 PM

The City Council never ceases to find projects to spend money. ENOUGH! If you want to increase spending, find another place to cut spending. I, and many like me, are simply tired of paying for lavish high schools and things like this. We as citizens are forced to live within our means and do without when we don't have enough money. You need to do the same!

Anonymous

9/16/2019 02:46 PM

Your administration's Planning Dept. and Codes admin. have standards and a duty to address drainage and the lack thereof in current and future projects. I have purchased a home at 5681 E. Country Ridge that has flooded in the past. I purchased it after I was assured that had been corrected. But in fact it had been. The City of Fayetteville install box culverts and drainage from them to the city street. I have spent \$100's of dollars and time trying to save my backyard. Future plans I have called for the city to add more. Greg Brown told me the city would not do anymore and what I have on the property is all I'm getting and it's my problem. This new tax is a revelation that the city has never planned for proper drainage. This new tax is like rubbing salt into a wound. Throwing more money at a poor system and management of this city is not the answer. Proper drainage in the planning stage is the answer. This is a poor government that keeps taxes high and higher. Eventually it's going to bite you. I like this city but, common man, more taxes is not the answer.

Mark

9/16/2019 03:00 PM

I am having difficulty understanding how, after 65 years here, this is suddenly becoming an issue that will require this kind of investment. Is this due to negligence of past city government administrations for 1) allowing growth to over stress the infrastructure, and 2) failure to update the infrastructure to accommodate the growth? I didn't ask for, nor want this massive growth. Why should I be asked to pay for it?

Jka

9/16/2019 03:15 PM

We need to reduce spending, instead of dreaming up new ways to spend it. You're killing this community.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 03:18 PM

Infrastructure impact needs to be greatly increased on any new construction building permits. Old time residents should not have to pay for these services. I do not agree with the fee.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 03:25 PM

Should base it on percentage of impervious surface of total land

Anonymous

9/16/2019 03:33 PM

You are not providing detailed information of how home will be evaluated per the above Tier 1 thru Tier 5. Are city mandated sidewalks included ? Who and how will the evaluation be conducted ? Can a homeowner do his own evaluation ? What's the process to challenge an evaluation ? You have done a lousy job with this...you're not thinking past first base !!

Anonymous

9/16/2019 03:42 PM

Thank you for working on this-I have seen what happens when a city doesn't, and it can be disastrous. I don't like paying more, but it will be worth it if we can avoid flooding.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 03:42 PM

We have a 4 storey house with a 1500 sq ft.footprint. Would the assessment be based on the total sq ft of the house top to bottom (about 4500 sq ft) or only the amount of the footprint plus other hard surface (about 2000 sq ft total)?

Anonymous

9/16/2019 03:46 PM

It is a ridiculous notion to charge a fee for something like this. If there is a real problem with storm water management, this should be prioritized, and funds re-allocated from some other, less important, program or project. Being a builder, I would assume all newer developments/subdivisions would have the appropriate detention pond and other infrastructure so as to not increase the storm water burden. The city has plenty of money coming in to pay this bill without an extra fee. Property taxes and lots of other fees go up every year, and the city already charges "fees" for plenty of things. I think the term would be mismanagement, or at the very least backwards priorities. I can only imagine the level of mismanagement (wasted money and effort) that would occur by tripling the current budget. Totally ridiculous.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 03:54 PM

Have many concerns with increased municipal taxation (utilities and otherwise)...and city's present use of tax funding on causes that many residents are not at all in agreement with. Nearly 12% taxes alone (highest in state) including the 2% hotel, motel & restaurant tax. Enough already! Please use our money more wisely.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 03:56 PM

The residents "voted in favor of allocating 15.8 million toward implementing the City's Drainage Improvement Plan" and now we learn that you are planning on charging residents and businesses for stormwater upkeep and repair. Why weren't we told about the

residential fee? What is the 15.8 million actually going for? Why isn't there a fee built into the building permit process for all the monstrosities of apartment buildings and ultra expensive row houses going up all throughout town to cover this instead of adding fees to long time residential property owners who aren't the problem? I'm all for fees attached to new construction, like the planned development off of Collett near Gulley Park. But don't add fees to long term residents who aren't causing the problem.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 03:56 PM

Flood management should be in our current tax base. It indicates poor budget management that the citizens are now being tapped for additional funding for things already budgeted.....too much focus on bike trails and far too less being correctly budgeted for infrastructure upgrades.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 04:12 PM

Fayetteville's city government needs to become more open minded and do what Benton County cities do. Attract large businesses and industry to create a better tax base to stop the constant requests for more money from its residents. Fayetteville is definitely falling behind other cities in Northwest Arkansas and becoming a fee, fine an tax city. Listen to ALL residents of Fayetteville instead of the select few who are in "the club" with the city council members.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 04:48 PM

The developers pay for all infrastructure that the city gets to dictate. We just approved a quarter of a billion dollars in April. Figure it out. We don't want Fayetteville to be like San Francisco or another failing large City. Sustainability without suffocating taxes. Enough is enough.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 04:51 PM

Why don't we propose a sales tax? Use the money for the bike trails, we don't have enough bikers that use them.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 04:56 PM

You have enough fees built into our bills already, you're taking advantage of college housing and kids whose parents will unquestionably pay your absurd rates. Strongly against,

Anonymous

9/16/2019 04:57 PM

You were just given 15.8 million tax dollars to take care of this problem. You say that Fayetteville is growing too fast for our infrastructure. Well, guess what? You can control that growth. You DO NOT have to allow every developer who wants to build an apartment building to do so. You do not have to encourage "in fill". You do not have to allow developers to tear down one building and then build four in its place. In the newspaper a few weeks ago I read

that we are now below our 40% tree canopy. MORE developers cutting down trees. STOP!!!! It is shameful that so many of our trees have been cut down when there is an ordinance from the 1990's on the books.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 04:58 PM

I think the city should do a better job of approving projects that are going to have storm drainage problems. Developers should be required to build systems that will handle storm drainage. I purposely purchased a home in an area where this is not a problem and don't feel I should be paying for someone who chose to buy in an area where it is. I think this fee is just another "tax" to gouge the residents because of poor city planning. Taxes are already too high, example our sales tax. Our real estate taxes were recently raised to pay for a library expansion and you are requiring us to pay to have a sprinkler system back flow check, which for most of us that were paying to have our system shut down in the fall and started up in the summer was being done any way. When is it going to end. Being retired, I will have to move out of my home at some point and when that time comes I will definitely be looking outside of Fayetteville,

Anonymous

9/16/2019 05:04 PM

I have a asphalt roof on my Double wide trailer with NO concrete under so all water goes under my house and into the dirt so I feel I should not pay for anything. It's not my problem that all this city wants is more money cause they want all the New subdivisions built so they can make them pay taxes and for Trash service that some residents don't need. This is a City Problem not a home owner problem. The taxes should be for the areas that need fixing we don't have Flooding issues in our area so I should not have to pay. But with all that said you are going to do whatever the city wants so I guess I will call you everyday for the rest of my life to complain and if I ever move from this Crook of a City I will still call.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 05:20 PM

just another tax passed on to the tax payer, when election times comes again the voters will remember who votes for the new tax

Anonymous

9/16/2019 05:35 PM

This should be a priority of EXISTING funds, high above parks and trails. You are mismanaging our tax funds. Do not pass this!

Anonymous

9/16/2019 06:01 PM

I have lived in Fayetteville since 1982, and have lived in the same home for that entire time. We had many drainage issues caused in large part to our neighbors behind us (and uphill) began clearing their land, for various reasons, of the many plants which helped absorbed so much of the rainwater runoff. As they did that, our property began

to flood. We knew that we had to fix the problem, which we did by ourselves (over 18months) and our minimal calls to the city for some help fell on deaf ears. Since this runoff problem is being caused, in part, because of growing population, why not place this new fee on those buying new houses that are popping up everywhere, and give those of us who have lived here a long time a break. The city council seems to find that all development is good, regardless of the impact to our neighborhoods, so let those coming in pay for this. I don't mean to sound negative, for I love this city. I just don't want this fee placed on those of us who have been here and worked here so long. Thank you for allowing me to speak.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 06:20 PM

This is needed, but why an additional fee? This to me is more important than the several trail expansions which benefits a relatively smaller percentage of the population. Divert funds from trail expansion to address this issue. I am already paying so much for water and sewerage (over \$100 a month). Tagging on this additional fee doesn't seem reasonable. Certainly, funds from other areas can be used to address this issue.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 06:34 PM

When do you liberals quit asking for more money? Many major cities run by liberals are now hell holes, i.e. bankrupt-Detroit or crime ridden-Chicago. I see Fayetteville repeating the same steps that got Chicago and Detroit to where they are today. Those who don't learn from history are doomed to repeat it so learn your history. Why are we wasting money on bike paths the size of car lanes? Why don't you spend Fayetteville's budget wisely on infrastructure needs like better east-west traffic access i.e. Rolling Hills to Crossover and to Interstate 49, Zion Road needs to be widened and straightened between College and Crossover? When will that happen? I know we have already voted to have that happen. Why don't we lower taxes and put forth tax incentives to bring in new business instead of every new business going to Rogers, Bentonville, Centerton and Springdale? Quit putting forth these measures we don't need and right-the-ship before it is too late. As public officials, I ask you to manage responsibly the resources you already have before you ask us for more. We may need stormwater management measures but this is the wrong way to do it! The City of Fayetteville needs to live within it's means like I do as a citizen. Get your stuff together Fayetteville and quit trying to get in my pocketbook for more!

Anonymous

9/16/2019 06:42 PM

You've just received a huge windfall of money from a vote where most residents were unaware it was even happening as the vote was not widely advertised. (A fraction of people voted for the more than \$225+ Million in new spending.) \$15 million for storm water is

enough. New residents, due to growth, will pay additional money for sewage/storm water. Live within your means. Everyone else has to figure it out.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 06:43 PM

Stop building hideous sidewalks the size of freaking streets, and then putting the bill on the homeowner's for lack of permeable surfaces for stormwater. You've created this mess with tacky sidewalks attached to road size sidewalks next to streets.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 06:54 PM

Fayetteville taxes and the water/trash rates are already pretty high. It seems like maybe water quality management and flood concerns should have been addressed before a huge library expansion or trail expansion.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 07:00 PM

We need to get more creative about paying for things. Why can't these sorts of initiatives be addressed with the annual budget? If we were a more industry friendly town we might have more money to support these efforts. This request shows poor planning and a failure to think strategically during growth.

Barrington

9/16/2019 08:15 PM

This is absolutely not needed in Fayetteville. I will fund a lawsuit against this unreasonable taxation if this moves forward. Get ready to get tied up in court.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 07:21 PM

This is a ridiculous ask of the city. We just passed a huge bond program to address needs of the city. Why was this not part of the bond vote? I think it would have passed to give more money for drainage issues. The city should have done a better job of addressing this issue. I'm also a very liberal Democrat but I cannot support this. Thank you

Barrington

9/16/2019 07:28 PM

This is irrational taxation and needs to stop. We have already funded drainage improvements and built detention adequate for our development. Any new development should be funded by the developers.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 07:35 PM

no higher fees

Anonymous

9/16/2019 08:12 PM

This will only further drive away business from Fayetteville, which continues to happen on a regular basis. No retailer, restaurant or any

other potential profit-maker for Fayetteville will want to come here if they have to pay an extra fee just because it rains.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 08:15 PM

Passing on costs to water customers and raising our rates is not the answer. The city should first consider cutting other social agenda programs before putting more of their hands in our pockets. The city should also look at other sustainability initiatives to combat potential flooding rather than hike rates and make our pocketbooks take a hit. I'm a hard "NO!" on this one!

Anonymous

9/16/2019 08:19 PM

Take care of drainage and such before spending so much tax money on art.

Anonymous

9/16/2019 08:25 PM

I see the need to make adaptations to the proposed fees if a site has already put appropriate storm water control measures in place. Forcing proactive citizens to foot the bill for negligent citizens is unfair.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 04:42 AM

My home and neighborhood are perfect wrt drainage. Why am I being taxed to cover new development? The issues new development should be paid for by those projects, not the entire city. I am aposed to this method of funding and vote that way

Anonymous

9/17/2019 04:47 AM

Stop finding new ways to tax the residents of Fayetteville! It is crazy that the city of Fayetteville can not manage it money better.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 05:25 AM

How much is the City of Fayetteville proposing to charge for bike trails and sidewalks? It seems that all the concrete poured for these trails by the City is a larger problem than homes and businesses that have been here for decades. I also accept that this comment means little because the ones voting for this can afford the proposed fees and taxes.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 05:53 AM

You keep allowing big sub-divisions on the west side without proper drainage control or ensuring that detention ponds are maintained. The runoff from construction and subdivisions and lack of keeping the creeks and ditches clean is what causes the increased sediment and flood problems. Why should I have to pay a fee because you don't make these developers take care of the drainage problems up front?

Anonymous

9/17/2019 06:10 AM

I am against increased fees. I believe the city should find other ways to accomplish some of these goals with the funds they already have available.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 06:22 AM

This problem is caused by increasing population. Charge new construction for the impact they have on our environment. If this area is such a great place to live, new construction can pay for the impact it is causing. I have been in my current residence for 20 years and I have the same impact on the water situation that I have always had.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 06:48 AM

Due to the dramatic increase in paved hard-surface for bicycle paths, each bike should be tagged with a purchased sticker. The City of Fayetteville has a history of passing bond issues that always create an additional tax increase to residents. NO more Taxes !!

Anonymous

9/17/2019 07:00 AM

We are taxed enough! We don't NEED an arts corridor, we do NEED storm water management and remediation.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 07:01 AM

You thieving bastards! You are not fooling me. There are already enough taxes and I pay enough on my water bill I don't need you to take any more.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 07:03 AM

fayetteville is the problem. fayetteville cuts down trees and lays down more cement trails. old wire road project is an example.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 07:12 AM

Citizens that live on floodplains or other areas prone to flooding should pay higher fees. Why should those of us that have chosen not to live in such areas have to pay for citizens who make the decision to live in such flood prone areas? The problems of flooding will continue as long as the City is not active in zoning such areas as non-development and have a buyout program. Hard to support a program that does not address this issue.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 07:24 AM

I pay plenty of taxes already. I am paying taxes for schools, libraries, bike trails and etc., when people who do not own property don't pay any taxes but use these amenities to the fullest. I think there should be a more equitable tax system. Property owners should not have to bear the full brunt of these services.

Anonymous

The City needs to fully evaluate the impact of future residential,

9/17/2019 07:29 AM

commercial and other similar projects on flood management and water quality before approval is given. These developments are putting additional strain on the system that is unsustainable. In my opinion the organizations associated with these developments should be asked to shoulder most of the additional cost burden through some kind of environmental impact fee(s). I guess it is easier to target the whole community with this " Utility Tax" rather than the developers . Therefore , I do not agree that these fees are "equitable ". Thanks Paul K.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 07:52 AM

What a great model for the region in terms of stormwater runoff management if Fayetteville would establish a Stormwater Utility. It could even lead to a regional stormwater utility!

Anonymous

9/17/2019 07:57 AM

#1. Should not the amount of soft-surface (grass yards) be considered when setting the above rates? #2. My Street never floods. Why should I be subsidizing those who streets do flood? #3. Why has the City allowed streets to flood in #2 #4 Can these flood prone areas not be corrected by the use of bond money? #5. If it is against the law to spend City monies on the maintenance of private property, why has the City done so as noted on your flyer? #6 Should you not hire more competent personnel as visual inspection seems as simple as driving down the road and spotting a problem. The Street Sweeper goes pretty slow, perhaps he can see those drainage features that present problems. #6. Seriously, your flyer seems to indicate more personnel are needed and I would suggest you look at cutting your expenditures instead of just trying to increase revenues. #7. Drainage water on my street is a result of water running off of the street you required to be put in by the contractor. Why should I pay for this water runoff you approved via regulations on the contractor and approval of streets/drainage specs.? #8. Perhaps older areas of the City should pay a higher fee than those in the newer areas. Right?

Anonymous

9/17/2019 08:01 AM

Maybe if there is a discounted cost for non-profits, for most you are taking almost \$1,000 more a year. Most non profits are already working with a tight budget.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 08:05 AM

This is very important given the likelihood of increased extreme weather events as well as the increased development in the Fayetteville area. I am glad you are considering doing something about it and hope that these efforts come through.

Anonymous

I pay enough taxes already

9/17/2019 08:07 AM

Anonymous

9/17/2019 08:07 AM

Are you planning to tax according to the total square footage of the house or the square footage of the hard surface that the house sits on? Our house is well over 4000 sq ft but the "footprint" of the house is a little over 1500sq ft with perhaps 500 sq ft more for driveway. One way we are taxed more than \$7, the other way, a little over \$2.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 08:08 AM

PLEASE STOP TAXING THIS CITY'S RESIDENTS. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 08:21 AM

We have a drainage issue on our property because there is no existing drainage system in our area of the neighborhood other than what Nature established and we are downhill. If the Stormwater Utility Fee would provide for some City assistance to help mitigate the flooding on our property, we feel that the fees will be money well spent.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 08:21 AM

Residents just passed a 1 cent tax extensive to fund arts, trails, streets and library's. Fayetteville is taxing and raising fees on us by too much. We should be using more tax money on infrastructure and less on the arts.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 08:23 AM

Why was this measure not included in Mayor Jordan's 1% sales tax continuation proposal? Instead of an entertainment district with parking TBD, or more bike trails, you should have proposed this measure. This is irresponsible on the administrations behalf to wait on this proposal. Now you're asking the residents of Fayetteville to pay another fee / tax for city improvements knowing full well an independent measure for the Arts District would have failed. Instead, you lumped the Arts District into the 1% continuation proposal rather than the storm water management proposal. This feels intentional and deliberate.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 08:28 AM

Why are commercial properties being held to a l9wwer burden than residential? 1.85 compared to 2.35? Why are residents being held accountable for the city giving developers the approval for concentrated zone changes which increases non-porous surfaces (where we once had more green space)...essentially allowing overdevelopment in m9st areas of town.(especially in flood prone areas) Why are residents footing the bill for developers damage to the city? Why does the city council feel that this is equitable treatment to prioritize developers over residents? Impact fees to developers

rather than fees to residents.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 08:39 AM

Is there anything y'all can do about the drainage on S Emma Ave off Cato Springs? Anytime we get a gullywasher the street turns into an impassable 'stream' (maybe an inch or two of rushing water on the asphalt). The property we are renting regularly has about 3 inches up to 5.5" in the yard when it rains. The rushing water's always quite muddy, so I imagine they're some unmitigated erosion around here that should be monitored too.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 08:51 AM

Folks you are out of control. Fayetteville has the highest taxes across the spectrum. Keep within your budgets like the average person has to do to survive

Anonymous

9/17/2019 08:53 AM

As this is a karst region with multiple flood zones, a priority should be to minimize non-point pollution to guarantee the highest water quality possible and minimize ground water pollution.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 09:03 AM

I have never seen Fayetteville flood in my 16 years living here. There may be some issues, but they are few and far between, certainly not warranting a tax increase for all residents and business owners.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 09:04 AM

We are taxed enough already. Use fund you already have to do this or don't do it at all.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 09:05 AM

Taxed enough already. Use existing revenue sources.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 09:06 AM

You should have told us this before the bond issue election!

Anonymous

9/17/2019 09:06 AM

Use sales tax money you already get. Stop spending so much on fancy shit and just run the city.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 09:08 AM

Use some of your other revenues to do this.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 09:10 AM

we are already paying for water service - why can the city not live within it's budget?

Anonymous

9/17/2019 09:37 AM

While I definitely support such a fee, my concern is how impervious surface square footage would be calculated/determined. For instance, my home has approximately 3,700 sq ft, however, it is three stories with a relatively small footprint compared to a one-story home of similar size. Will the city use Google earth to evaluate properties, inspect each property, or simply rely upon assessor's data? Thank you!

Anonymous

9/17/2019 10:06 AM

Anonymous

9/17/2019 10:07 AM

I strongly support these proposals

Mike

9/17/2019 10:38 AM

Monthly rates seem a bit high. Curious if existing community-wide structure square footage was used to calc proposed fees. Certainly a "development fee" should be implemented to ensure developers pay their fair share of the cost that new development generates. That being said, I accept that this is a needed step for our city and I will willingly pay my fair share.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 10:43 AM

Please continue to efficiently manage existing taxpayer dollars by addressing issues on an as-needed basis, instead of increasing taxes for potentially wasteful propositions.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 10:47 AM

I would like to see a multifaceted approach that includes more strenuous evaluation of development within the city. With a focus on the University campus, and letting businesses build without stringent regard for stormwater management, I feel that this proposal to impose fees on homeowners is un warranted. Our taxes are already higher than surrounding cities, and this fee proposal is one more way of pricing people out of living in Fayetteville

Mikey

9/17/2019 10:48 AM

I have a 2/3rds acre lot and am pretty much able to perk all my own storm water on-site. My issue is the surface street water that flows onto my property due to a lack of curb & gutter on Sutton. Heavy rains bring a significant amount of public right-of-way water onto my site. I am pleased to report that I have made a request for curbing, and city staff are adding our area to the next cycle for such capital improvement. Thank you.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 10:50 AM

call this what it is-a tax. Fayetteville is too expensive now and this tax will exacerbate the problem.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 11:08 AM

Fayetteville is taxed to death. This is just another tax call it that.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 11:09 AM

Fayetteville is taxed to death. This is just another tax call it that.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 11:26 AM

When the city creates the problem with all its in fill and given the fact that the soil is predominately clay what where they thinking? Now that they have created the problem with in fill they want to compound it by taxing us for their thoughtlessness. Good grief hire people that have a clue and not the good ole boy system. Additionally just how are you going to address the the amount of run off from the bicycle paths since they are not permeable? How is that going to be taxed? Are parking lots going to be taxed and what are the repercussions regarding the proprietors passing on the tax in increased prices?

Anonymous

9/17/2019 11:47 AM

Fayetteville just agreed to a significant tax in the area of arts and quality of life. The elected leaders of Fayetteville need to find ways for immediate needs other than another tax. Give the citizens some "breathing room".

Anonymous

9/17/2019 11:50 AM

Let the new residents pay for this via a special assessment..

Anonymous

9/17/2019 12:28 PM

I live in a new subdivision and we have retention ponds throughout the subdivision. I paid for stormwater control in the price of my home and should not be paying more for older sections of town. Our HOA maintains the retention ponds and therefore I am in compliance with stormwater infrastructure. Cost should be charged to those who require updated infrastructure. I am against any additional charges.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 12:42 PM

I support the concept of drainage fees just like water and sewer fees.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 12:43 PM

continued from above: Those that have large houses on large lots that absorb more rainwater should have that given back to them as a positive. The more trees on the lot should also be a mitigating factor. Carports with permeable surfaces should be given a bigger credit than those with concrete. Try to incentivize for those doing things the

right way. What about pre-existing homes that were allowed to build without set-backs. Those negatively impact their neighbors. Most of their run-off goes downhill to their neighbors. Many neighborhoods have had these structures grandfathered in as they were built before current building codes. I have a 2 thousand ft downstairs footprint on half an acre lot. I believe most if not all of my run-off is absorbed by my own yard. Why should I be charged equally as those who have built to the edge of the lot without thought for runoff. I also have around 40 trees to absorb my water run-off. My yard is taking in water as well as improving the air quality. To follow the recent increase in solid waste pick-up with another fee not to mention the 15.8 million voted on to improve drainage is excessive. (and I did vote for the tax increase) Claudette Lunsford

Anonymous

9/17/2019 12:52 PM

I wish we could trust our city government (Mayor and Council) to spend funds wisely. I don't and therefore don't wish to give them any more money to waste.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 01:24 PM

we had a bond issue pass that supposedly addressed these issue and now here you come again. Explain that one!!

Anonymous

9/17/2019 01:41 PM

Encourage the use of permeable pavers for driveways. Fine residents who rake their leaves into the streets. Encourage businesses to share parking lots.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 01:41 PM

If residents voted in favor of allocating \$15.8 million toward implementing the City's Drainage Improvement Plan, then why in the world are you asking for residents to pay, too? Fayetteville already bleeds its residents from every tax known to man...Spend the money you do have more wisely and quit causing more financial burdens on your residents!!

Anonymous

9/17/2019 01:46 PM

Your explanation statement says "every developed property contributes to the runoff from these hard surfaces". My home is on a hillside with controlled water drainage funneling runoff from roof and driveway into the natural wet-weather creek that borders my property and into the acres and acres of undeveloped hillside below me. My home in no way contributes to city street drainage issues. Also, my home is 4,000 sq feet, but is a three-story home, so the roof footprint is much smaller than the home square footage number. I'm assuming you will adjust the fee/tax to reflect both of these issues. Thank you.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 01:51 PM

If i keep getting nickle and dimed every time i turn around I will move to Springdale. between property taxes increasing, higher sales taxes than surrounding areas, added prepared food taxes on eating out. paid parking (effective use tax) for doing anything on Dickson. I'm not willing to pay more for the same service. Manage better.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 01:55 PM

No but the City of Fayetteville continues to ask for more with great regularity. I have always supported past increases but I am becoming saturated. Washington Co. is beginning to wail too.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 01:57 PM

I am so excited to see the city being more proactive about our worsening flood problem. We need better infrastructure to deal with this issue!

Anonymous

9/17/2019 02:07 PM

I do not believe a monthly fee should be imposed. Per your flier "Many of these services COULD be provided with the storm water fee." The green check marks indicate services provided. But will they? Need assurances what will be covered, handled and maintained. No room for contradictions please when asking for my money. Let's see how the Bond money is handled before asking for more; and why if additional money was needed wasn't it presented to citizens & rolled in with the bond issue?

Anonymous

9/17/2019 02:13 PM

Tiers 2&3 will bear the biggest portion of the cost. This is unfair to the middle class. This needs to be spread more heavily onto tiers 4 and 5. The idea of stealth special elections to double our cost via fees is dishonest if not completely immoral. While the attempt to be transparent is appreciated, it doesn't negate the underhanded tactics that are used every time the city has a wish list for us to pay for. Stop abusing the working people!

Anonymous

9/17/2019 02:13 PM

I like the idea but it does sound like a lot of money being collected annually. What would that total be and what are the types of fixes and preventive measures that are planned?

Anonymous

9/17/2019 02:41 PM

I believe the cost per Tier to be disproportionate. A middle class family with a residence in Tier 4 should not be a mere 40 cents per square foot behind that of a Tier 8 commercial space with, one would assume, high profits. I do believe this is an important program and must be done.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 02:48 PM

This is not a fee ... this is a tax. The cost should be allocated from the taxes we recently agreed upon as a community. The city leaders should find a way to use the money that was approved to solve this problem. Since the stated impetus for this need is the growth of the footprint of Fayetteville, property owners (and established businesses) who have been at the same location (for say 20 years) should be exempt from this 'tax'

Anonymous

9/17/2019 03:19 PM

library art district kessler mountain trails trails trails if you cant get job done with current funding we need new people running this city not no but hell no

Anonymous

9/17/2019 03:43 PM

The tier fee proposal has no bearing on flood threats. The monthly fee cost needs to tie to the residence or business' indicator of risk to storm water hazard. (perhaps storm water problems are correlated to elevation more so than square footage of residence -- as an engineer, I know this is true). The bond issue was very misleading, and this does not get my support whatsoever. Voters do not determine where other voters live and therefore should not be forced to repair the problems with their location (elevation rather than roof line!)

Anonymous

9/17/2019 04:09 PM

Quit wasting tax dollars on useless stuff and apply it to something like this vs taxing residents more.....and more.....and more.....and more

Anonymous

9/17/2019 05:28 PM

In other parts of the country, the stormwater management fees are much higher than what is proposed by the City of Fayetteville. This is an important proposal that needs to be implemented.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 05:38 PM

The city just passed a huge bond issue. Why was this not part of the plan? I don't like having passed a huge bond issue and then have the city coming back with this proposal of increased rates. This show a lack of foresight, to say the least. I assume you will force these rate hikes on us, but we don't have to be happy about it.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 05:59 PM

Attract more businesses instead of regulating them like you are their parent. Most people like to do the right thing. Cut spending within the current government.

Anonymous

9/17/2019 06:16 PM

Rather than adding fees, increase rate on usage. Increasing the usage would come from the residence in Fayetteville. The narrative I perceive from adding fees is that our city leaders are poor money

managers and loses my confidence in our city departments to properly plan. Poor planning does not constitute a need for the community to pay more. Just because a restaurant over produces food should not mean prices of the meals go up. The city is leveraging the difficulty to uproot ones residence as an anchor to add fees.

Mhkordsmeier

9/17/2019 08:15 PM

Could these fees be tied to income or property values to make them less regressive?

Anonymous

9/17/2019 08:14 PM

I hope that if the storm water utility solution is implemented, that the University of Arkansas will be required to participate as a user of the system.

Anonymous

9/18/2019 05:10 AM

It's time to quit taxing & spending like the blue/Liberal city government you are. We have one of the highest city sales taxes in the country. Why is that? I work at JB Hunt and know young adults not wanting to live in Fayetteville due to taxes & the liberal city government. How about doing a budget like households do. When I buy a car I have to reduce spending in other areas - Fay city gov't does not. Have you not noticed the blue states in the USA are going bankrupt? Ray Charles can see why but liberals in Fay, AR can't. Wake up! There is a reason Pinnacle is thriving and the Fayetteville is tanking. The RENT/TAXES being charged is killing FAY. (TGI Friday, O'Charley's, Smokey Bones ...)

Anonymous

9/18/2019 05:11 AM

Poor planning and budgeting result in more taxes, more fees. There is a point in which our Government is taking more from its citizens than is reasonable. Death by a thousand cuts is what this "small monthly fee" is. When will the fee expire? Is it for the rest of our lives? Will square footages be estimated or will we hire someone to measure hard surfaces (more budgeted salaries)?

Anonymous

9/18/2019 05:33 AM

This is what the previously approved tax was for. Perhaps some of the uses of that tax should be reevaluated.

Anonymous

9/18/2019 05:33 AM

This is a tax. Figure out other services to cut before levying this new tax. This makes me feel the same way as the Business License Program. Call it what it is - a tax. Both feel bogus and could be operated differently by analyzing where efficiencies could be provided in the city to cut costs and allocate those funds to wastewater.

Anonymous

9/18/2019 05:39 AM

Water bills are already quite high. Are you being good stewards of the money you are already collecting? Who really believes the U of A will be assessed AND PAY these fees? Not me. Businesses will just raise their prices to cover the fees. Homeowners and schools can't do that so they will be hit the hardest.

Anonymous

9/18/2019 06:23 AM

This proposal is San-Francisco levels of dumb. Will residents get a refund if there is a drought? Do not tax the rain!

Anonymous

9/18/2019 07:00 AM

These are taxes. No more! You knew this when you asked for the bonds.

Anonymous

9/18/2019 07:01 AM

These rates assume all property and property owners in the categories are equal. No reward or penalization option for conservation or proactiveness. What about the properties covered in rocks or concrete so they don't have to mow that impedes drainage. So people that live in apartments get hit the most? Most elderly people live in apartments and can't afford that increase.....could the elderly get a reduced or exempted rate. Taxes and fees piling up here, soon I won't be able to choose to live in Fayetteville.

Anonymous

9/18/2019 07:02 AM

Use other funds in the City's budget to cover this.

Anonymous

9/18/2019 07:08 AM

The cost to live in Fayetteville is constantly raising, especially with water/trash/sewer. This new proposed tax is only effecting the property owners. Everyone has the potential to be effected by flooding therefore everyone should have to help pay for the improvement!

Anonymous

9/18/2019 07:38 AM

Not sure that creating cost relationship solely on basis of "hard surface" correlation is valid or equitable, particularly if landholder has taken steps to mitigate impact. Has City considered the impact of significant water events that seem to be the new normal of climate change? That may indicate that a full re-dress if the issue should be undertaken.

Anonymous

9/18/2019 07:41 AM

Drainage has eaten my property, as well as my neighbors property, to the point we have had to reconstruct fences in the backyard. I am about to lose more land and trees each heavy rain. The house was built in the 1980's. Why should I be punished when my property has not been the cause of the problem? The cause of the problem is that

THE CITY waived rules, made deals and otherwise didn't hold "good ole boys" accountable for the construction of apartments! Every apartment along the creek has been able to skirt their responsibility for re routing and/or forcing large amounts of water into the creek. THEY...AND THE CITY EMPLOYEES THAT ALLOWED IT should be the ones held responsible...NOT THE RESIDENTS who have done nothing but lose land!

Anonymous

9/18/2019 08:13 AM

Are there other areas of spending that could be used? Why wasn't this a priority in the past? Surely, it was known that flooding has always been an issue in this town. I lived here during the 80's and it was an issue. I am just concerned that the "ask" for fund will never end.

Anonymous

9/18/2019 08:52 AM

It is a tax and unreasonably thought out as to what/how it should be levied.

Anonymous

9/18/2019 09:07 AM

Encourage (and give credit for) "upstream" stormwater management-- things like rain barrels, rain gardens, permeable pavement, bioswales, etc. Seems to me that should be the absolute first priority-- keep stormwater from becoming a problem, keep water pretty much where it falls rather than directing it off into lakes and rivers (where it can become a flooding problem).

Anonymous

9/18/2019 10:05 AM

The Special Election provided monies for this plan....now Fayetteville elected officials are doing a bait and switch AGAIN and wants more money. The city officials continue to manipulate and use funds as they deem not as the citizens vote Quit spending money on unnecessary trails, taking parking away (entertainment ? district), creating disfunctional parking-i.e. Block Street and finish what the voters say. This is Stupid, Stupid, Stupid

Anonymous

9/18/2019 10:07 AM

Drainage is used to water my plants in my yard while being environmentally friendly. This proposal does not sound environmentally friendly, just more infrastructure. Also, the tier fee schedule base on sf does not accurately represent the hard surface area occupying the lot. Two story homes may take up as half as much as a ranch style home (or more if there is a room over the garage). Due to these unfair fees, I am seriously considering my support for Fayetteville. Springdale is looking better everyday.

Anonymous

If the planning commission and the city Council would have done due

9/18/2019 11:03 AM

diligence in approving continued development without regard of water flows on our watershed we would NOT be in this position. Shame on the mayor and all those that have been approving harmful projects without future implications.

Anonymous

9/18/2019 11:04 AM

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Anonymous

9/18/2019 11:14 AM

Set a minimum residential lot size of 1/2 acre for all new development so that people have some yard to absorb the rain. Pass all other storm water management costs onto the people developing the property.

Anonymous

9/18/2019 11:52 AM

It is nt a fee. It is a tax.

Anonymous

9/18/2019 12:18 PM

We don't need anymore fees or taxes. The "improvements" have made our roads too narrow and dangerous.

Anonymous

9/18/2019 01:18 PM

It seems awkward that the city would be proposing and increase in water rates immediately after the residents just approves allocating \$ 15.8 million that was recommended by the City, then ask for an increase in the water bill of residents without looking into the actual areas that are affected most by the drainage and then evaluating solutions, rather than a blanket proposal for the convenience of funding. It look as if the benefits of what we receive don't really apply to every resident.

Anonymous

9/18/2019 01:28 PM

N/A

Anonymous

9/18/2019 02:20 PM

Stop wasting money on useless projects like the ridiculous Old Wire Road concrete wasteland and you'll have your water funding. I'm sure the mayor will like his grand opening photo op but the money could have been better spent. Everyone that lives in the area knows it will not be used. Build it and they wont come.

Anonymous

Fayetteville has one of the highest income tax rates in the nation.

9/18/2019 03:16 PM

This generates plenty of money for the city to work with to meet it's needs. Anyone not able to work within this very large budget should be replaced immediately or voted out of office as soon as possible. This proposal is simply a joke.

Anonymous

9/18/2019 03:49 PM

Need to limit the scope of work to be feasible at current spending levels. These fees are too high. Fayetteville's spending on alternative transportation infrastructure should come to a halt and the funding should go to specific drainage issues. I'm sure this plan is the most expensive plan imaginable and can come down in cost.

Anonymous

9/18/2019 03:51 PM

I understand the need for this issue however I believe the money is available in other areas of the city. Specifically, I am referring to the money used on the never-ending trails. I use the trails regularly but at some point, they need to slow down or be paused to combat legitimate issues like this. The expansion of the library and funding TheatreSquared are great but infrastructure comes first so that it can support these extra finances. "Foundation" money should not be another forced tax.

Anonymous

9/18/2019 04:15 PM

Overpriced fees. Actually have a real tree ordinance and hillside protection. An example of the city failing in their land development improvement are the University Heights area including most recently the Markham Hill area. HILL is in the name and with the allowance of the zoning to change to Multi use, 700 hundred plus houses and also businesses allowed to happen on that hill is opposite of concern over the water and hard surfaces.

Anonymous

9/18/2019 04:21 PM

Poor planning on the city's part. Thanks for making the tax payers pay for your mistakes. Maybe we should outsource planing department and help pay for there f ups.

Irritated By Taxes in Fayetteville

9/18/2019 05:15 PM

This is why the library should have been funded by a bake sale, or other means. I'm a tax payer and don't use the fucking library, but pay for it. I'm not at all interested in an Arts Corridor that will only be enjoyed by a majority of Fayetteville residents, but I'm going to pay for it. Stop putting trees down the middle of streets that require continuous maintenance, and use that maintenance money towards wast water. Stop the fucking taxing. It's already too fucking expensive to live here. You're milking us for anything and everything you fucking can. Why doesn't the mayor and chief of staff and council take a pay cut? #Fayettesucks! Mayor Jordan, stop the madness. Stop paying attention to only the bullies that attend city council meetings.

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Anonymous

9/18/2019 07:45 PM

I don't support this measure and think the city should figure this out with existing funding.

Anonymous

9/18/2019 08:35 PM

Not necessary!!!

Anonymous

9/19/2019 05:16 AM

I do not support this monthly fee.

Anonymous

9/19/2019 05:43 AM

upper-tier fees need to be higher due to the increased complexity of dealing with drainage on larger parcels of land. there should be an incentive option for business owners to mitigate some of the fee through engineering design.

Anonymous

9/19/2019 06:09 AM

I would like to be sure it covers all of Fayetteville not just the east side.

Anonymous

9/19/2019 07:00 AM

You people are ridiculous. Who elects you idiots. All yall are worried about is a pervert man using the same restroom as my little girl and a pervert woman using the same bathroom as my little boy. We built a new house and you idiots made us build a sidewalk; newflash dumbasses that's the city's responsibility. If you want a sidewalk, build your own fucking sidewalk. You fucking radicals even told us what trees to plant and what we could and could not do on our own land; go fuck yourselves you perverts. My wife and I both came from small communities in Arkansas. These places actually had common sense; 1. they provided services as part of their duties instead of charging residences. 2. they didn't allow perverts to use the same restrooms as small children. 3. they picked up any large trash (furniture, appliances, etc.) twice a year, free of charge. 4. they had baseball

field ready to play if it rained (your lazy ass parks and rec dept. can't even get fields ready if there is a small rain the day before. You people are full of yourselves, you have no common sense, and you are perverts.

Anonymous

9/19/2019 07:58 AM

Flood management is a basic responsibility of city government. The fact that Fayetteville City Admin feels entitled to tax their citizens extra to provide a basic service is absolutely ridiculous. I suggest that you do more with less like business owners do when additional needs arise - find a way to take care of it. Commercial and residential real estate developments here in Fayetteville are required to manage the additional load of storm water as part of design when ANY permits are applied for. AGAIN, this proposed fee is ridiculous and unwarranted. Lazy people just want to throw money at a problem because that is the easiest solution. Roll up your sleeves and do your job

Anonymous

9/19/2019 08:11 AM

The city has had an "approval" policy in place of larger homes/smaller lots that is impacting the water drainage in all areas of the city to increase the tax base. Remington Estates was approved 5 years after ALL the adjacent neighbors OPPOSED the new development. The developer in these instances are the only ones who benefit. The existing tree canopy policy of old growth trees was NOT followed throughout the entire process. Trees that had been earmarked to save were taken down by both the developer, the city, and the individual builders who somehow managed to circumvent the existing ordinances. This is only one example of abuse allowed to occur at the expense of current landowners in the area. The 200 % increase in local traffic on our 22 foot wide street has been quite a safety hazard to children on bikes and neighbors walking.). The city of Fayetteville needs to stop showing preference to developers over existing homeowners. Learn to Manage the city coffers.

Anonymous

9/19/2019 08:43 AM

This tax ignores a critical element - permeability. 1. Stormwater utility fees should be based on a ratio of hardscape to permeable property size. For example, a two story home may have a small ratio footprint while a building constructed lot line to lot line would have a very large footprint ratio. 2. Low ratios of footprint to property size should pay very little while properties with high ratios should bear the preponderance of the tax. 3. In the future development stormwater mitigation can NOT be allowed to put additional burdens on current property owners. Each new property with a ratio above a determined ratio of hardscape to property size should be required to provide suitable retention, such as a pond, or pay a much higher penalty rate in addition to the rates above.

Anonymous

9/19/2019 08:49 AM

This is the worst proposal since back in angle parking on Block Street. The city just got \$15.8mm to do this and now wants to charge millions more in ongoing fees?? I thought taxes had to be voted on by the public-because that's what this is-another tax. How do you know that storm intensity is going to increase? Do you have a crystal ball? Strong letter to the newspaper to follow-this is ridiculous.

Anonymous

9/19/2019 08:49 AM

These are taxes, not fees. DO NOT MISREPRESENT THEM.

Anonymous

9/19/2019 08:51 AM

If this is high priority, move funds from elsewhere in your budget.

Anonymous

9/19/2019 10:11 AM

I do not believe the city needs this much money for flood management. The problems could be addressed by the current street department.

Anonymous

9/19/2019 10:31 AM

The city spends so much on Bike Trails that you NEVER SEE ANYONE ON. Many public streets are falling a part and we can't get the city to take of our of these, all they can do is just tear out the streets we have and add MORE Trails. We have 4 seasons in NWA Arkansas and only a FEW people will you see in the cold out on bikes.

Anonymous

9/19/2019 10:40 AM

We do not need higher fees to pay for services. Our tax rate should be applicable for the growth we are sustaining. We consistently allocate resources to non-essential functions; i.e. parks, arts corridor, library and then turn around and ask for more money in essential functions. This happened a few years ago with police and now it is being attempted for water. The city is engaging in a tax bubble that will burst with the next recession and the city will be hit hard.

Anonymous

9/19/2019 12:08 PM

The City will need this because of the continued building of mega apartment complexes! Like what is going to happen on Markam Hill! Terrible

Anonymous

9/19/2019 12:41 PM

Revise your budget. No more taxes!

Anonymous

I can't imagine a fee structure that would be more unfair than what

9/19/2019 02:02 PM

you have proposed. To be fair, the fee structure should be based on the size of the property (sq. ft) and the percentage of hard surface on the property. The fees should be most harsh for those who build and leave little or no permeable area on the property, not for those who have in excess of 8000 sq. ft. of hard surface but have many times that in permeable surface--like me. My residence has ten acres with about .5 acre of hard surface and 9.5 acres of grass, streams, woods, and a pond. My contribution to flood control is hugely positive even though my hard surface is in your upper tier of fees. Is that fair? Of course, not. Please consider restructuring your fee formula. Thanks.

Anonymous

9/19/2019 02:11 PM

How does the size of the property on which the buildings would be located affect the proposed rates? Examples would help. How would the fees be paid?

Anonymous

9/19/2019 04:01 PM

I would be completely on board with this if the city would have put this, roads and every other major problem on priority a long time ago. This has been known for a long time, plus traffic problems and etc. I don't trust my money to be used wisely. I'm tired of seeing 30 ft wide sidewalks added rather than this type of work done or widening roads. I will vote no for those reasons.

Anonymous

9/19/2019 04:51 PM

I purchased a home in Stonebridge Meadows in July of 2017. Since we have moved in, free standing water in my front and backyard has been a constant problem. French drain installations are desperately needed as free standing water is a horrible problem in this neighborhood. I would gladly pay \$5-\$10 on my water bill if I could know that the issue is going to be resolved. I have had multiple calls into the city and am always assured of a call back and it never happens. This water problem is quite frustrating. Please reach out to me if I can volunteer or to be added to the top of a list for request.
Shaun Morrissey - 239.671.0884

Anonymous

9/20/2019 05:17 AM

People should get a discount of some sort for rainwater catchment to encourage it now and in future development. If I divert 25 percent or more that should be taken into account in order to be equitable and encourage more people to do so. Just consider it large residential developments could use it for landscaping and cut water usage in addition to the fees and it would be a win/win.

Anonymous

9/20/2019 05:42 AM

Apartment complexes and large plants should pay more if done by this method. Homeowners less. Tier 2.5 (larger house with only 2 car garage is missing.) Driveway hard surfaces skew the calculations as

well if included. Funding could a very small sales tax amount to get funding from all using the Fayetteville area. Funding decision should be a public vote as taxation is already too much on individual property owners.

Anonymous

9/20/2019 05:50 AM

There should be a more complicated formula (perhaps credits) that considers elevation change on a property, amount of "soft surface" relative to the amount of impervious surface, and other factors that provide mitigatoin, such as the inclusion of bioswales or retention ponds for a particular drainage area. A person who lives on a flat piece of ground in Rolling Hills should not pay the same stormwater tax as a person who lives on Mt. Sequoya. A 2 story, 3,500 square foot building should be taxed at a lower rate than a single story home of the same size. The amount of impervious driveway, sidewalk, swimming pool, etc. should influence the tax - if this is the case, it has not been communicated well. How will the impervious area be calculated on each property?

Anonymous

9/20/2019 05:56 AM

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Anonymous

9/20/2019 06:13 AM

Provide clarity on the cost per square foot of home as opposed to a range, my home barely falls into one bucket, a cost per square foot would be better as opposed to large ranges. The fees do not double for the double the size of the home. That number doesn't seem fair.

Anonymous

9/20/2019 07:04 AM

This is an absolute joke. You had a study conducted and snaked another \$15.8 million from city residents. Now you want us to pay additional money for a project that you miscalculated? We are already taxed at some of the highest levels in the nation and that's not enough for you people? Learn to manage your finances and stop coming back to taxpayers over and over again. You need to cut somewhere us in the budget to come up with this money.

Anonymous

9/20/2019 07:33 AM

no more fees-NO MORE FEES

Anonymous

9/20/2019 08:04 AM

Infra structures in all areas need assessing and a thorough assessment of neighborhoods, city-owned areas, house-to-house and business-to-business water run-off and flooding. If the home owner has drainage improvements already in place, provide a yearly water FEE/REBATE. Fee/TAX those who negelect property.. Consider a VOLUNTARY property owners city-wide cooperative fee with an annual rebate on water bills. LIMIT BUILDING PERMITS!!! Stop the overflow of construction. Detailed and better understanding of the examples provided on the postcard is needed. "What would you get for your money? -- Many of these services COULD be provided with a stormwater utility fee." COULD is not a guarantee.

Anonymous

9/20/2019 10:09 AM

I m opposed to any additional fees at this time. Make better use of current resources. It seems deceptive of you to obtain the recent \$15+ million and now say that isn't enough.

Anonymous

9/20/2019 11:09 AM

I am totally against people who have been in their older homes for many years having to pay for the rampant development and uncontrolled paving of newer neighborhoods and business areas. I propose total exemption for homes over 50 years old, homes without a paved driveway, homes owned by people over 65, or people with low incomes!!!

Anonymous

9/20/2019 03:04 PM

Please ensure our town remains safe and livable with the proper infrastructure.

Anonymous

9/20/2019 04:05 PM

Why is a charge reasonable for established neighborhoods with built in retention ponds for storm drainage that there are POA FEES to manage, then on top of that the city wants us to pay to help them with an issue the city planners should have figured out before the growth influx started. Seems like it piss poor management in our City Hall. Next time you decide to renew a bond, plan ahead and put all you really need to fix the problems.

Anonymous

9/20/2019 04:22 PM

Why is this a consideration if we just renewed the sales tax increase a few months ago? What is that money going to be used for?

Anonymous

9/20/2019 06:57 PM

You just got approval for \$226 million in bonds. Why was this not made a bigger priority then? It only got \$15.8 million. Could the money that went to the arts corridor not have been used towards this? Improving parks and trails? Those are niceties. If this is a necessity, you should find a way to fund it with the bond money and the exorbitant sales tax. This would be like a family spending \$20,000 on a dream vacation and then coming home and finding it doesn't have enough money to pay for the mortgage and car payment so the parents demand that the boss owes them a \$20,000 pay raise. You should find the money elsewhere in the city budget. Cut down the promotion budget and money to random festivals. Because just like the bond that was not allowed to retire, residents will be stuck paying for this new fee forever, long after the drainage problems are fixed.

Anonymous

9/20/2019 07:57 PM

Take the money from other parts of the budget.

Anonymous

9/20/2019 08:14 PM

The 15.8 million should be used for this service and you should not charge residents additional fees.

Anonymous

9/20/2019 11:23 PM

According to the 2019 City of Fayetteville budget, Fayetteville's water and sewer funds are \$42 million. Why does Fayetteville need more? Why does Fayetteville sell \$19 million worth of water and buy \$8.6 million worth of water. Why buy water if it has an excess to sell? Bad city money management should not be a request for more money to be poorly managed.

Toomanytaxes

9/21/2019 06:15 AM

After 1.5 million in taxes the city should have accounted for this. You're losing trust with me. This is too much. Just stop. And stop advertising if we are growing so quickly.

Anonymous

9/21/2019 07:01 AM

The lowest level fees (Tier 1) should be waived if the hard surface is less than 50% of the land area. These small buildings contribute little runoff if there is sufficient land to absorb. It is the large developments with most of the land covered with hard surface that are the problem. Large developments with a small water storage area intended to delay the peak runoff for 15 minutes, as allowed in city code, does little to prevent flooding when the runoff is 3 or 4 times what it was prior to the development. I would be happy to share more details if there is interest. Richard Tiffany rctiffany@yahoo.com 479-595-8410

Anonymous

9/21/2019 07:48 AM

Fees could honestly be higher. This is a large issue with many sub-issues. I'd be willing to pay more.

Anonymous

9/21/2019 09:40 AM

The tiers are too rigid. They do not take into account 2-story homes. One may have more residential square footage (say 4,000 square feet of home) within a 2-story home and it puts them into Tier 3. Yet the square footage of actual hard surface is 2,000 square feet as for the living space is divided between the upper and lower level. Thus, the more equitable tier would be Tier 2 for these homes. I strongly feel that 2 story homes, that is homes with an actual second story, not just a family/bonus room above the garage should have their hard surface space adjusted to the appropriate tier.

Anonymous

9/21/2019 09:49 AM

Perhaps the city should stop spending so much money on elaborate bike trails such as on Old Wire Road that simply add more hard surface area and are not used by the vast majority of citizens. It's find to do so if you have a surplus of money and no worries, but that does not seem to be the case here, now does it. By saving on such unnecessary expenses that are not equitably used, you will have the money you need to safeguard water supply, and to repair and clean drain pipes, and perhaps even fix roads in need of repair and resurfacing.

Anonymous

9/21/2019 02:08 PM

Provide the data that proves there is an increased frequency of high intensity rain fall. If there is an increase in city wide flooding issues, it would be mostly due to the increase in large commercial and multi-residential development that the city has intentionally profited from. Use the money from increased revenue, do not tax residential homeowners to pay for the problems caused by city management decision making. We appear to flaunt environmental priorities while hypocritically profiting from nonenvironmental development. Appropriate wasted city funding spent on frivolous and virtue signaling causes, such as the civil council which has had zero impact on a non existant issue. Fayetteville has never had a discrimination problem among its residents, unless someone has conservative or libertarian political views.

Anonymous

9/21/2019 02:58 PM

Citizens that already have property should be grandfathered in. The City does this for businesses all the time. The City continues to PAVE bike lanes...isn't that part of the problem??? Fayetteville has a reputation of being anti-growth. This new proposed tax certainly isn't helping that image. And our trash rates were just raised, the Bond tax, the Library tax. Figure it out and make the nearly \$16 million in new bond money work.

Anonymous

9/22/2019 08:08 AM

i do not contribute to run off. my place is set up to use the run off. fayetteville contributes to the run off by paving the trails and cutting down trees. look at all the cement fayetteville just added to old wire road area.

Anonymous

9/22/2019 08:31 AM

Fees are just a small part of the solution. The city should be looking at promoting proactive solutions such as creating permeable driving & parking surfaces, and more vegetation to slow water movement. But to make fees fair, all owners (commercial or residential) should be charged the same rate per 1000 ft. instead of the regressive rate proposed that puts a larger burden on small property residential owners.

Anonymous

9/22/2019 09:22 AM

I am adamantly against this fee! You already increased what I pay for water by requiring a \$100 backflow prevention device test annually! What a scam! This city has plenty of tax revenue--be a better steward of our money!!

Anonymous

9/22/2019 09:33 AM

I realize city funds are generally earmarked for specific projects but I believe it is ridiculous the way the city is currently setting its priorities. Bike paths over streets, really? I sick and tired of seeing the bike paths take up space from the streets we drive on. What engineer thought up the intersection of Township and Old Wire. It will be interesting to see how many car accidents begin to occur there. You've squeezed three lanes of traffic into just a little more than you have for the bike/walking path with the lanes running north and south straight across from the opposite turn lane. City of Fayetteville get your priorities right!

Anonymous

9/22/2019 09:46 AM

I don't know why the city cant sell bonds to raise the funds with the debt service paid by the growing population in the form of taxes.

Anonymous

9/22/2019 10:09 AM

Why not divert some of the funding for the ridiculous sidewalks to managing the water issues? We're building sidewalks bigger than the roads that no one is using. Are they really necessary? The city needs to do a better job of managing new construction to be sure their water diversion doesn't negatively impact their neighbors.

Anonymous

9/22/2019 11:34 AM

The city should start using the funds its receives in a better way, I feel like a lot of money is wasted. What's the point of all these subdivision ponds??

Anonymous

9/22/2019 11:53 AM

Developers should be paying these costs -not individuals. STOP THE HIGH DENSITY DEVELOPMENT!!!!

Anonymous

9/22/2019 12:00 PM

An ADDITIONAL \$60 / year for my 2,200 sq ft. house JUST to fix stormwater issues is RIDICULOUS! Increase sales tax if you need to. Fayetteville has SO many visitors, let them help pay!

Anonymous

9/22/2019 12:03 PM

You estimate you need \$4.5 mil annually. How much does this proposal raise per year and will it ever go away? I like to agree on what is needed for a project and when completed the tax goes away. Totally against levying a tax that never goes away. When the revenue is not needed, guess what? Money is spent. Will any funds be used for administrative costs? It also appears only home and business owners pick up the tab here.

Anonymous

9/22/2019 12:14 PM

Monetary resources are limited. Instead of adding yet another tax to the residents of Fayetteville, city officials should be a better steward of what is already collected. If this proposal is deemed priority, then find other programs that can be phased out and use that funding.

Anonymous

9/22/2019 12:51 PM

This problem is because of a lack of planning and too much infill - houses too large for the lot. Where does the water go? South Fayetteville has been flooding for years, but you keep stuffing giant houses in. Why not work with the money WE JUST VOTED YES FOR first before you start asking for more. We are highly taxed in Fayetteville. Only 3,160 (!) people voted yes for a 32 MILLION dollar arts corridor. And you want charge me \$30 a year on a 63 year old house to pay for water problems caused by new construction?

Anonymous

9/22/2019 01:01 PM

prepare for a lot more and ban chemical pesticides along with all petroleum based planet killers

Anonymous

9/22/2019 02:41 PM

What exactly is the \$15.8 million paying for? What were the costs of past flood events to the City? What other cities of the same size have a good drainage/flood program and what do they charge their residents? Do new construction Impact fees cover any costs of the storm water system? It seems to me that only particular areas have flooding and drainage problems, and the City should concentrate its efforts in those areas.

Anonymous

I would like to see Fayetteville move forward with infrastructure

9/22/2019 06:22 PM

maintenance and rehabilitation. I would like to see planning for improvements with future population projections in mind.

Anonymous

9/23/2019 07:04 AM

We already have an astronomical millage rate for Arkansas. Local government has a spending problem, not an income problem. Citizens have already paid for this through impact fees that were passed on to them and other tax collections.

dhoneil

9/23/2019 07:11 AM

"However, fixing a backlog of problems..." & "current annual funding does not..." Those are the two things the April vote/plan should be addressing! ADDITIONAL taxes/charges should NOT be placed on already grossly overtaxed residences! EVERY new structure build could/should have a one-time fee/tax to cover the improvements needed to maintain quality of life. Hundreds or thousands of new houses are being built each year. Developers should be required to improve roadways for safe access. Developments are allowed w/o the city or developers building or improving roads needed for access. Look at Persimmon & 54th streets - ridiculously narrow!! The utter NONSENSE of how roadways needed for traffic are taken by bike lanes - especially Old Wire & Rolling Hills!!!! Dollars are WASTED on

Anonymous

9/23/2019 07:41 AM

No more taxes. Reallocate what is in your budget

Anonymous

9/23/2019 07:42 AM

Why did you not tell us about this before the special election?

Susan Jenkins

9/23/2019 07:54 AM

I would like to see creeks that do over-run their banks during heavy rain, be better contained without covering them with drainage pipes. Drainage not directed toward creeks. Require new paving to be permeable.

Anonymous

9/23/2019 08:02 AM

no more fees. our bills are too high

Anonymous

9/23/2019 08:08 AM

Where have funds for storm drains come from in the past and why is that no longer sufficient? An expanding population equals an expanding tax base which equals more tax revenue. For all of the talk about keeping Fayetteville "Funky" and preserving historic buildings, I am seeing city blocks being razed and trees being cut down (Gasp!) to make way for monstrous new apartment complexes. No one in the council seems to care a whit about the huge areas of "non-permeable" surfaces being constructed at these sites. Furthermore,

the citizens just voted for more funding for storm drainage last year and the city is already coming back for more? Perhaps the funding for the "Cultural Arts Boondoggle" should be used for something more important such as storm drains.

Anonymous

9/23/2019 08:35 AM

We moved to Fayetteville three years ago and it seems that new taxes take place 2-3 times a year. this has never been true of the many other places in which we have lived. Whether it is for library expansion, street improvements, water drainage, waste collection..... It is getting to be financially burdensome to live here. Are the present Council members homeowners? Is it possible to have City Council member elections (and issues related to tax increases) at reasonable times during the year and not when residents/voters are to vote (not during the summers and when most other voting takes place in the fall)? I want Fayetteville to be a beautiful, wonderful place to live, but at what financial expense? Is there a better way to determine needs than looking to the homeowners and passing on the financial burdens to them of anything the City Council wants? Enough is enough!

Anonymous

9/23/2019 09:24 AM

I think this is a base-level function of a city government, like roads, water and monitoring planned development. Our property taxes, parking revenue and other taxes and fees should cover it. We just agreed to a continued/new tax for an arts corridor and another for library expansion. If storm water and flooding are an issue, we need to cover those costs first before we invest in "nice to have" projects. I don't think we should have to pay more for a basic necessity like flood control and water run-off. Existing funds should be diverted to cover this.

Anonymous

9/23/2019 09:36 AM

This is a base function for a city government along with water quality, roads and monitoring planned development. It should be paid for with property taxes, and other fees generated by the city. We are already paying extra for an arts corridor and library. We can't afford these "nice to have" items if the city can't afford to take care of runoff and flood control. Small homeowners shouldn't have to pay more for basic needs when we are also asked to pay more for "wish list" projects. The biggest portion of the problem is due to growth of businesses with parking lots and large scale buildings. They should be assessed to help pay for the costs created by the magnitude of their construction their construction methods

Anonymous

9/23/2019 11:00 AM

I have on more than one occasion asked that a drainage ditch be cleared. No help

Anonymous

9/23/2019 11:09 AM

I do not live in an area that is prone to flooding. I do not feel paying the proposed fees should be forced on us. Your planning commission should have been on top of this before approving all the new housing developments in Fayetteville. I am very opposed to the fees.

Anonymous

9/23/2019 01:36 PM

Our driveway is ruined from twice using our property for sewer lines not fixing drainage on persimmon street. Letting builders cut 2nd spillway, draining onto our property causing damage

Anonymous

9/23/2019 02:51 PM

I would like for the drainage by my house to be fixed.

Anonymous

9/24/2019 05:09 AM

Rearrange the priorities of the City's budget. If more money is needed here than other places make the changes. Keep taking more of OUR money.

Anonymous

9/24/2019 05:11 AM

It is easy to spend another person's money. Use the same judgement you would if it was all coming from your pocket.

Anonymous

9/24/2019 05:31 AM

Intense storms with record rainfall levels have/will become increasingly more frequent. Stormwater management to reduce runoff to flood prone areas, that includes thoughtful planning of open space with abundant natural native vegetation, is essential for public safety, as well as for protecting property and water quality in watersheds.

Garnett Wise

9/24/2019 05:54 AM

1) Would this fee be collected from property owners along with annual property taxes, or would it be charged monthly on City utility bills to occupants (owners and/or renters)? 2) Be prepared to sell the added value, because I expect there will be outcry from sticker shock, and from the assumption that passing the Stormwater bonds were going to pay for everything - some people will be upset that the City is asking for more money.

Anonymous

9/24/2019 09:22 AM

Look over what you are spending citizens' money for. If some things are less important than this, substitute it for them

Anonymous

9/24/2019 09:25 AM

More taxes!!! This is Fayetteville with a large hunk of folks below the poverty level.

Anonymous

This is absolutely ridiculous!! Now you want citizens to pay for

9/24/2019 09:43 AM

something else that is a basic service. You issued bonds for millions of dollars for non-essential nonsense like arts stuff downtown and bike trails (which we have plenty of). Now you turn around and want citizens for pay for basics when you waste money on luxury items. RETHINK your priorities!!!!

Anonymous

9/24/2019 12:12 PM

use money that is being used for bike trails and sidewalks for this project

Anonymous

9/24/2019 01:59 PM

Have better building codes and build better roads (aka send tax money already collected better) - no new taxes!

Anonymous

9/24/2019 02:04 PM

If you want improvement, one thing that could be done is to do a better job of "planning", especially where the considerable increase of "in-fill" is concerned. Just one example - these required "retention ponds" are a joke as they don't seem to work at all: These ponds located in new developments (ie, Summit Place and Township Heights) don't appear to serve any purpose at all; relatively little rainfall and new drainage from these developments even flows into these retention ponds. Instead, the rain and additional drainage just flows down the new asphalt and concrete and down the hill into previously established neighborhoods who in turn suffer the consequences in both personal and City repairs. Another suggestion would be to reevaluate the entire "infill project" itself - we have seen so many trees and vegetation destroyed within city limits that not only is Fayetteville quickly losing its "natural feel", but the infill has contributed to flooding where it didn't exist before, and constant repairs are needed. Even the giant sidewalks and bike lanes (which hardly anyone uses to walk or bike) requires the loss of more natural vegetation and contribute to more flooding. We keep seeing our costs go UP while the city is fast moving towards looking like an asphalt and concrete jungle. We just approved \$15.8 million in April toward drainage improvement and now you want an additional monthly fee on top of that for the long term, ongoing maintenance and inspection of the full drainage system???? Had I know that was going to happen, I would have never voted for the additional money last April. If this new monthly fee is necessary, make the developers (who are making a fortune off of Fayetteville) pay for it. Some of us residents were not lucky enough to get a tax break in the last federal tax cut, nor have we been fortunate enough to realize any additional income to cover in ever increasing costs. If this additional monthly fee is enacted, then I think it's time for a major leadership change in our city.

Anonymous

Your proposed fee is unreasonable as it doesn't take into account a

9/24/2019 02:08 PM

great many things. First of which is the fact that you honestly shouldn't need additional funds as you already have access to the entertainment district fee parking system and the highest sales tax I've ever seen. Where is this money going if not for infrastructure? Second, it does not allot for rainwater catchment systems like on property check dams, rain water barrels with attached irrigation systems, natural ecosystem setup with plants that slow waterflow etc. These things should be addressed. For instance, should a property on the side of a hill with no ability to slow rain runoff regardless of square footage be penalized when a mansion with no runoff control on hardpacked soil exists? Personally, I don't think you need any additional money for the "growth" of the city as growing cities always mean more property tax revenue. Perhaps you all should take a look at your budget instead.

Anonymous

9/24/2019 03:10 PM

I think that this is absolutely ridiculous and just one more reason we lose establishments and home owners to bentonville because it is too expensive to live or develop here. We just had to pay for the back spout yearly check last month and now this. Keeping the water safe and our homes and businesses safe should be the city's priority and concern when it comes to finances. We pay so much already for trash/recycling and backspout checks, please do not put this on the homeowners and people trying to run local businesses to make our community better. There is money somewhere in our big fayetteville budget. There needs to be some rearranging of funds to cover this.

Anonymous

9/24/2019 04:43 PM

Rather than impose another fee (tax) on the citizens of Fayetteville, divert some of the funding that is being used to build trails, some of which are rarely used, to take care of this, if it is indeed an issue. Aren't the trails themselves, given they are an impervious surface, creating some of the issues these fees (taxes) are intended to address?

Anonymous

9/24/2019 07:36 PM

I would like to know if the University of Arkansas will be required to participate in the fees. I would also like to know if residents of subdivision with stormwater detention systems in place will receive a reduced rate.

Anonymous

9/25/2019 04:14 AM

These are taxes, not fees.

Anonymous

9/25/2019 04:17 AM

Use the funds you already have

Anonymous

9/25/2019 07:36 AM

Invest in studying the possibilities of permeable paving surfaces. E.g., can building codes require permeable paving in driveways in new subdivisions? Other small non-residential projects? It can help control flooding and erosion, and allows rainwater to be absorbed instead of running off, which reduces the strain on the city's water treatment system. Permeables are often less expensive and more attractive than acres of blacktop or concrete.

Anonymous

9/25/2019 07:44 AM

To base the fees solely on hard surface areas is inherently unjust. Will not a structure with 1000 sq ft of hard surface on a 65' by 100' parcel create much more "runoff" than the same structure on a 1 acre lot containing trees, shrubs and grasses? Where property owners have maintained larger yard areas will there not be significantly less impact in regards to "runoff". How will you compensate the owners of parcels which are undeveloped?

Anonymous

9/25/2019 08:24 AM

These costs should be calculated and charged during the initial development process. Not on the back end.

Anonymous

9/25/2019 11:30 AM

Bases on the number of homes and businesses in Fayetteville, I feel the fees are too high. I believe you should focus your research on ways to better spend already allocated funds. This is also in addition to the yearly residential water sprinkler test ... where does it end? How about reducing the addition of Bike trails? I ride a bike and I believe what is already in place is sufficient. The more hard surface bike trails placed required more funding for upkeep as well and adds to the storm run off - guess that will be the next fee added.

Anonymous

9/25/2019 12:07 PM

I feel that the maintenance and upgrades to the drainage system will benefit the whole population of Fayetteville. On the other hand the millions of dollars the city is spending on the bike trails for a small percentage of the cities residents is out of control. I will not vote for any council member that supports this stupid venture. Making our streets safe should be a priority not making them narrower and dangerous.

Anonymous

9/25/2019 12:36 PM

The lower tier rates need to be lower. If you own an 8,000 sf facility, you can more easily absorb a monthly fee than a residence. My home is 1700 SF, so I would be looking at paying around \$94.32 extra a year. I was just about to lower the size of my trash can to help cut costs, and now this will just even it out and I will not be able to cut any costs.

Anonymous

9/25/2019 03:59 PM

I cannot afford more taxation and believe Fayetteville needs to look at what there spending monies on and what could be cut back on to afford the flood management project.

Anonymous

9/25/2019 07:19 PM

It seems that the city creates a lot of it's own problems by allowing so much info and then allowing development that doesn't account for the necessary flood control and runoff. And then homeowners end up paying for this rather than the giant apartment builders who create the traffic and the problems

Anonymous

9/26/2019 08:40 AM

Approval of construction sites in Fayetteville City limits should include a high consideration of the effect such approval would create on adjacent properties. The retention pond along Mission Blvd (Covington Park Housing Addition) has caused surface water run off problems for others.

Anonymous

9/26/2019 08:42 AM

This city and its administrative workforce is well know for spending money. I believe that the city should assume (as most citizens KNOW) that we are taxed and "fee-ed" enough. I become so exasperated at my councilperson and the city leadership for not looking for ways to reduce city spending levels and to find economies in operations to live within current city income levels. So if new spending requirements arise, go find the money within your current budget!!!

Anonymous

9/26/2019 08:59 AM

All those areas are important, not just four

Anonymous

9/26/2019 10:37 AM

First, let me say that addressing this is long overdue. As a homeowner that has been adversely affected by the city's unwillingness to be responsible for uncontrolled growth in order to increase the tax base and to hold developers financially responsible for their adverse effects on my property, I'm not thrilled by having to pay for past greed. However, I do feel that the fee seems to be reasonable if, in fact, I can get the flooding issues on my property repaired with no further expense to me. I do think that more needs to be considered in the fee structure. There should be consideration if homeowners put in permeable surfaces or do other things to mitigate run off and installing rain gardens or other landscaping that can absorb and retain storm water runoff. Also, multiple story buildings, have a smaller footprint. Going forward, developers need to pay these costs at the front end by installing more than minimally adequate infrastructure at the time of development. The city should be putting permeable streets and sidewalks. I'd love to show you my yard and

further discuss this . It's again a mess after this last rain. Susan White
2753 Hardy Lane skwhite72003@yahoo.com

Anonymous

9/26/2019 12:05 PM

1. Why are the rates derived by calculating the hard surface square footage on a property without any setoff for substantial greenspace on the same property? For instance, we have substantial greenspace but would be taxed like the owner of a townhome of equal size. 2. Why should we be forced to pay for someone else's bad decision to live in a flood zone? 3. Why was this issue not addressed before the city promoted the bond referendum?

Anonymous

9/26/2019 12:46 PM

STAY IN YOUR LANE. At what point do you think you are going to tax us "common" folk out of Fayetteville. Or is that, simply stated, your plans? You want to charge for concrete space that doesn't help with runoff, what about the massive amounts of sidewalks and bike paths the city just installed and continues to add to. Don't you think they have a significant part to this, but you want to pass it on to homeowners who are already drowning in your new taxes and fees. My personal property taxes were just adjusted by 1000\$ for no given reason but now I need to come up with more to pay for stormwater management. You people in charge are out of control! I'm all for progressiveness but you are killing Fayetteville!

Anonymous

9/26/2019 03:05 PM

There's inadequate drainage for the homes adjacent to Lovers Lane in Fayetteville. Especially where Gaddy Lane intersects Lovers Lane.

Anonymous

9/27/2019 06:37 AM

The 3 items, inspection, maintenance, repair and clean-out and replacement of aging infrastructure, would seem to me to be items that should be budgeted for on a yearly basis. As stated above, all rainwater on this property is collected or channeled to the rear of the property where it is allowed to soak into the ground. Problem I have observed is bad placement of storm drains on Township. Storm drains at Yorkwood and Township are positioned so runoff is not collected. This may also occur at Winwood and Township but I've never ventured to Winwood during a storm. I've mentioned this to engineering and transportation in the past to no avail. There are other storm drains that are located at higher levels so they are bypassed as water goes to lower levels. I do know that there is a large volume of water that goes west on Township to the drain at the creek where it creates a flooded road since the volume exceeds the capacity of that one drain. Whoever designed and approved the extension of Township from Old Wire Rd. to Crossover did a bad job. As I stated ALL rainwater is collected or channeled to the rear of my property where it soaks into the ground. The problem I've had with storm water

was after Township was repaved and most of the runoff along the curb came across the driveway, across the front lawn, destroying the grass and going around the house to the rear of the lot. I finally got the city to put in a small strip of asphalt at the street to divert the runoff. I have a 1 1/2 story house with 1110 sq. ft. on the lower level, 240 sq. ft. of front porch, 526 sq. ft. garage and 1192 sq. ft. of driveway, per the county. As previously stated the runoff from these areas stays on the lot to be absorbed into the ground. Why will we be charged for a problem we are not contributing to when it is a problem caused by poor planning and construction. The last three items indicated on the card should be budgeted for yearly rather than assessing another fee against property owners. Bad city government planning. I can be contacted at 521-2560 although I will probably get the same response when I have previously contacted the city about storm water problems. Nothing!!!! Build more bike paths, high dollar on Old Wire Rd., and to hell with everything else.

Anonymous

9/27/2019 06:40 AM

I do not believe this fee to be fair to those who manage their own stormwater. There should be an exemption or consideration for citizens who already do so, or otherwise do not contribute to stormwater despite having impermeable surfaces on their property. For instance, we have a permeable gravel driveway connecting to the city street and rain barrels for irrigation. There are many other possibilities, such as green roofs, some citizens may have. A blanket charge to all property owners with hard surfaces does not consider stormwater management efforts of many city residents.

Anonymous

9/27/2019 06:42 AM

I feel like the leadership over all in Fayetteville is misplaced. Why support a multi million dollar library expansion for a "want" when something like storm water drainage needs to be addressed. This is a "need" not a want, but what is the city doing first? Expanding the library when it already has one. That makes no sense. Needs should be addressed first.

Anonymous

9/27/2019 08:02 AM

I think this fee structure is a good idea in general, but I think it needs to include a consideration/exemption for properties that already have wastewater management practices that prevent the property from contributing storm water to city infrastructure. I have a hard surface in the form of my roof, but I have rain barrels that capture and redistribute my storm-water into my garden, and my driveway is gravel, preventing almost all water from leaving my property.

Anonymous

9/27/2019 11:26 AM

Water/sewage rates just went up for residents of Washington County. Those of us on fixed incomes every month can NOT afford any more

increases!

Anonymous

9/27/2019 01:52 PM

I believe the city has created this problem because the number of apartment buildings and allowing developers to build single family homes on less than 1/4 acre of land. Your plans for the future with these new Tier charges are too vague for the citizens to understand how this money will actually be spent if it is approved.

Anonymous

9/27/2019 01:57 PM

Developers should have been held to higher standards of permeable surfaces. Homeowners generally have yards to mitigate run-off. Small lots should not be punished. Most of the problems are from large surface retail and parking lots. Incentives should be offered to businesses who make drainage improvements. Fees are punitive .

Anonymous

9/27/2019 02:15 PM

Use the money you already have.

Anonymous

9/27/2019 02:16 PM

No more taxes to do what you should have been taking care of

Anonymous

9/27/2019 02:19 PM

You knew about these problems in 2018. You should have informed the e about this needs before the election

Anonymous

9/27/2019 02:24 PM

There a limit as to what Fayetteville's citizens can afford. This is not San Francisco.

Anonymous

9/28/2019 07:15 AM

Use the funds in your current budget to handle problems.

Anonymous

9/28/2019 07:17 AM

No more taxes without a vote by the public.

Anonymous

9/28/2019 07:48 PM

I believe no additional tax should occur until the city can thoroughly explain and provide evidence that the current money is being used responsibly and to the most effective measure.

Anonymous

9/29/2019 09:03 AM

No city can afford "everything" they might like to do. Set priorities and use your existing budget to take care of the things that are most important

Anonymous

9/29/2019 09:04 AM

This is a tax. Take it to the citizens.

Anonymous

9/29/2019 06:44 PM

All of this expense should have been included in the bond issue. The study should have been completed in plenty of time for the ballot issue..

Anonymous

9/29/2019 08:49 PM

As I said above, I live on 3.09 acres with an extensive forest and lots of lawn. There are 4 buildings and some miscellaneous concrete, totaling less than 8,000 sqft on 134,600 square feet of land, so less than 6% of my land is covered by impermeable surface. You should be paying ME, because I'm helping solve your problem. Go after the developers building ticky-tacky large houses on minimum size lots. And while you're at it, change the building codes to require energy efficiency and safety. The developers build with 2x4 walls and you cannot possibly effectively insulate that wall. The developers brag about "R13" walls, but mine are conservatively rated at R50.

Anonymous

9/29/2019 09:13 PM

The public should have been informed of this extra tax before the vote for the tax stay. I had no idea an additional tax would be added to this. It seems the city is trying to ask forgiveness rather than permission. Further, our home and businesses have been erected for 35 years plus. Flooding has impacts our home and business every time we have downpours. Flooding in both locations has increased since new development has multiplied roof and parking lot runoff. Our neighbors have also been severely affected to which the developer has shown no concern. I feel horrible for them, as they are a retired couple (Fayetteville teacher and postal worker) and feel helpless in the battle to protect their home from this new to them flooding issue. I'm not sure that taxing the developer is the answer, which I'm guessing has already been done or explored. But some sort of credit or break in other areas if the developer takes certain measures to redirect water or keep/add green spaces that utilize water or progressive drainage/collection systems that benefit the community in other ways. Water is a precious resource and our city is progressive enough to figure out a way to capture this resource and utilize it for the benefit of all citizens. I'm no water expert, obviously, but I know there have to be water smart people in our town (or other towns) who have ideas on how to capture or direct water in ways that we can use this excess water.

Anonymous

9/30/2019 04:04 AM

I am all for improving the flooding issues by raising our utility bills. Unfortunately my house has flooded twice in 10 years and my area was not included in the flood management project. I would like something to be done about Clabber Creek and the homes in Salem

Village!! We deserve to be included in that plan!!!!

Anonymous

9/30/2019 04:04 AM

Real Estate prices in Fayetteville are high due to the high development costs. This is largely due to the stormwater requirements in the City of Fayetteville. It has been a requirement in the City of Fayetteville to provide adequate detention/retention for many years. This means that we have already paid for this fee up front when we purchased our homes. I don't see why we should have to pay for it again every month. If there are major drainage projects that need to be completed, then the people of Fayetteville need to vote on a bond issue. These projects do not need to be paid for by some sneaky fee that the City implements without a vote of the citizens.

Anonymous

9/30/2019 04:19 AM

The solution to every problem is not "raise taxes again."

Anonymous

9/30/2019 04:56 AM

I purchased a new home and we have detention ponds in the subdivision which our POA fees cover mowing and such. I have paid for flood control in my area and do not think I should pay for others. Taxes are already too high. We retired to Fayetteville but now question this decision due to high taxes and fees. Do not charge those who have already paid for flood control.

Anonymous

9/30/2019 05:18 AM

Seems to me that the city is creating many of these problems from development, planning commission and planning staff.

Anonymous

9/30/2019 05:56 AM

We live in the city limits of Fayetteville and pay the associated taxes, yet don't receive city water and sewer. Our road was paved a few years ago, however there were no culverts installed prior to paving. Therefore Blue Jay Lane is being undercut by rainwater and the proposed flood management services wouldn't apply to the residents on our street at all, because there are no drainage features to be maintained or infrastructure to be replaced. I think I can speak for all the residents on Blue Jay Lane by saying that we are tired of paying taxes for services that other residents of Fayetteville receive. Carmen Montgomery 708 N Blue Jay Lane Fayetteville, Arkansas 72704

Anonymous

9/30/2019 06:00 AM

Please do not add yet another fee to the citizens of Fayetteville. Addressing this issue is important which is why we voted yes to bond issue #4 in the over \$226 million we gave you. Issue #4, you said, was to address the drainage issue and gives you over \$15 million to address drainage. The excessive taxes and fees in this area are overburdening lower middle class such as myself and will discourage

small businesses from coming here.

Anonymous

9/30/2019 06:34 AM

You promote housing infill. Housing is being built on unsuitable sites or flood plane area. Taking out vegetation & trees that are now helping to prevent flooding. Now you want more money to correct a problem the city has allowed to happen. My neighborhood is mostly retired folks on fixed incomes. We cannot afford all the raises in fees the city wants to collect.

Anonymous

9/30/2019 07:15 AM

This is about taking more money from homeowners to support a wasteful government. I would like to drive by one of your projects and see more than one person doing something with several others watching him while stand around talking. If they did some work, you could keep the system we have clean and open! Your meter readers regularly park on our street and nap! This increased money grab will push some of my neighbors to sell. They are already scraping by on social security. If a new property creates a drainage problem, they should fix it, or be charged to fix it. Tax and spend. That all this city government knows. If you think this is a such a good idea, make this fund voluntary. That will prove to you how unnecessary and unwanted this is. Renters are happy to spend other people's money. Homeowners continue to foot the bill for Jordan's wasteful spending.

Anonymous

9/30/2019 07:11 AM

Flood management is part of the infra-structure issues in town. First I think that new development needs to be regulate to not increase existing problems. I think that maintenance of existing structures needs to be done. Also floods are a part of nature and a few dollars per month are not control mother nature.

Ckjuddie

9/30/2019 07:51 AM

I think the fees should be based on a ratio of hard surface to permeable within a lot. We have a large driveway and home but our lot is over 3/4 acre, with a large backyard of lawn for run off absorption. I don't think the calculations I read take that into account.

Anonymous

9/30/2019 08:26 AM

We pay enough taxes and millage rates. Seniors can't afford this!

Anonymous

9/30/2019 08:30 AM

Scratch water quality and handle the storm run off.

Anonymous

9/30/2019 09:18 AM

I do NOT want the City to be able to do maintenance on my private land where there is no easement. Utility companies already abuse

easements and we should not have a precedent to go beyond them.

Anonymous

9/30/2019 09:19 AM

Do not do work on private land that has no easement.

Anonymous

9/30/2019 09:44 AM

Property owners and contractors need to be penalized for placing their lawn debris into the streets and gutters. I believe there is an ordinance prohibiting this activity BUT it is not enforced. Examples of the abuse can be seen daily across the city during the growing months. Elimination of the cause is a better solution than to add fees to expand workforce to provide increased cleanup services. People paying fees will interpret that to mean they can place their yard waste into the street drains and let the city deal with it since they are paying for the service.

Anonymous

9/30/2019 11:34 AM

Why haven't we required new development to be engineered so that this would not be a problem. How will you take into account all the trees, vegetable gardens and flower gardens I have planted to prevent runoff? Why didn't you ask for more \$\$ during the new tax that was just passed? Why don't you take some \$\$ from another project that was just passed in the new tax. We are taxed enough....

Anonymous

9/30/2019 12:14 PM

Do not charge anyone that does not receive more than trash pick up for this.

Anonymous

9/30/2019 12:20 PM

The city asked for a tax and got it. Now the city is asking for more and more. This is fast becoming an UNAFFORDABLE city. I have read the article in the Ark Dem Gaz where the city thinks the message is getting "lost" in the talk over fees. How about the city pay me for my 5 acres of tree canopy instead? This new tax is ludicrous and would raise prices on tenants in apartments also. My house has been in the city for over 30 years. I'm a liberal but tired of the city's intrusion into my property and tired of the constant spending / fees. And the dismissiveness of the concerns in the newspaper article show that the city has made up its mind to tax the hell out of us.

Anonymous

9/30/2019 01:22 PM

I have a rainwater catchment system that collects hundreds of gallons of rain during most rain events and that is used to water various plants in our yard. My 1500 sq ft home is clearly creating less run off than my neighbors who have similarly sized homes. It seems it would be wise to encourage property owners to mitigate storm runoff issues with rainwater catchment systems and rain gardens or other bioretention options.

Anonymous

9/30/2019 01:58 PM

Big Box retailers already have drainage infrastructure in place, so charging extra on top of what they already have seems unreasonable. Homes with multiple stories will be disadvantaged by these rates. The impermeable surface area could vary wildly between homes of similar square footage. This is further complicated by the types of vegetation on the property, steepness, etc. Can citizens or businesses install rain gardens to avoid the fees? This seems to be a step in the right direction, but I'd like to see a more developed plan.

Anonymous

9/30/2019 03:11 PM

Seems to me that the leaders of our city should have done their job and anticipated the need for this and budgeted for it instead of passing the buck on to the residents.

Anonymous

9/30/2019 04:17 PM

I moved out of Fayetteville after the Incinerator fiasco. Nothing has changed in Fayetteville city government. Do the flood work on new developments being done. Fayetteville is not in California. Whoever heard of charging by square footage for additional utility fees. Bad enough property owners are forced to pay for schools because they own property. Pathetic fee proposal. Pathetic. Get a clue people! All you do is RAISE TAXES AND SPEND! Sick of it!

Anonymous

9/30/2019 04:18 PM

This is another tax and should go before voting for the people to decide. I highly doubt that my residence will benefit and feel the planning commission for the city should do a better job when new building is proposed. If new developments, businesses, roads, etc add too much to the drainage, then the commission should put liability of the people creating the growth. This seems nothing short of raising taxes and I am opposed!

Anonymous

10/01/2019 03:49 AM

The fees should be imposed on developers who choose to develop flood prone areas or redirect drainage ditches.

Anonymous

10/01/2019 05:08 AM

We live on the southwest side of "country club" hill. We get ALL of their runoff to the point it floods the one creek that runs thru our area and floods water down the hill side to flood everything. We had to dig a ditch around our property to divert the water into the street ditch so it would run off and not flood us. Should have planned better for all those houses on top of the hill on where that water run off would go.

Anonymous

The fees proposed will drive up the cost of ownership for homes and

10/01/2019 07:32 AM

businesses. I believe this will slow down the growth of the city. And fees never end. Fixed incomes could never keep up with this monthly fee. Upper tier rates will be passed on to the customer, further increasing the cost of merchandise, furniture, appliances , food, etc.

Anonymous

10/01/2019 07:41 AM

I feel this blanket approach is not fair and does not take into consideration the burden placed by specific residence. For instance, we have a home in the 2000-3500 sq ft size that is on a one acre wooded lot. This is no way compares to the rainwater burden when this size building is in a urban area that is surrounded by concrete. The city is fixed on housing growth focused on in-fill. While that is admirable for transportation and access to city amenities, it only exasperates the issue of flood management. This issue should be leading as in new building permits are being issued and those should bear the burden of funding the required enhancements for drainage issues. Was this considered as HUGE apartment complexes are being built? Just because the University decided they needed to grow from 15,000 to 25,000 enrollment with no ability to house those additional 10,000 people does not make it the tax payers problem to fix the drainage issues that this housing growth is contributing to in a significant way. Many of these complexes are at the top of hills, creating vast expanses of roofs and paved parking areas that drive rivers of water with every rainfall. Please do not ask us to bear the financial burden of a problem that a homeowner with adequate rainwater absorption is not contributing to.

Anonymous

10/01/2019 08:02 AM

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I voted for the recent bond issue to improve stormwater and drainage. If i recall, \$15 million was allocated to address these issues. What is the City's reasoning to add more fees when the bond issue was passed? Thank you. Paul Hairston 2240 N. Big Oaks Drive Fayetteville, AR 72703 paul.hairston@att.net

Anonymous

10/01/2019 11:39 AM

We are not happy about increased fees, not that we can't afford them, but rather that we are being asked to pay for a problem that the City itself seems to be exacerbating on an ongoing basis. We haven't cut down any healthy trees or covered over huge areas yet the City is allowing developers to do the former (with infill and zero lot line development) and the road department to do the latter (with projects like the extravagant sidewalk/bikeway along Old Wire Road.) As for funding the stormwater program, we agree with the Meyers that the proposed fee scale is unfair. Their alternative solution based on ratio of hard surface to permeable property size seems a better approach.

Anonymous

10/01/2019 01:21 PM

The best way to stop the problem is to stop allowing developers to raze wooded lots and replace the trees with town homes built one upon the other. The development going on next to Ramay Junior High is ridiculous. There was no need to totally obliterate all green space. Until the city stops allowing developers to do what they will there will only be more problems. I personally think that the city's crews are excellent. They do good work and are dependable. The city planners and council members need to do their jobs to protect what is great about Fayetteville. Town homes and apartments that encroach on the streets of the city are irresponsible development.

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Anonymous

10/01/2019 01:55 PM

This was a very biased survey-dont penalize us because the landlords are only interested in occupancy-They can pass increases along, home owners do not have that luxury. WE ARE HIGHLY OPPOSED TO THIS UNFAIR TAX INCREASE!!!

Anonymous

10/01/2019 03:31 PM

You have been derelict in your duties for not addressing this long ago.

Anonymous

10/01/2019 03:33 PM

Your are proposing new taxes. Let the people vote on it.

Rambo

10/01/2019 05:15 PM

Unless the city is going to improve my steet and the drainage system in this area, I am totally against more fees!

Anonymous

10/01/2019 07:43 PM

In-flood-zones residents should be charged more than others.

Anonymous

10/02/2019 06:33 AM

Allowing development to continue at current pace and adding new impermeable paved surfaces (parking lots, buildings, sidewalks on both sides of streets, hard-surfaced trails) will continue to

exponentially exacerbate flooding and run-off related issues. Consider tweaking and enforcing current streamside protection ordinances and a issue a moratorium on development in areas that don't currently have adequate infrastructure to

Anonymous

10/02/2019 08:32 AM

I am afraid this sounds like a bait and switch. I cannot believe that the city did not know about these costs before the bond election. If this much more is needed, then why did we not fund these more important needs rather than a splash pad and dog run and other quite nice amenities but not as necessary as flooding of property?

spendwisely

10/02/2019 09:15 AM

More taxes and less services. This is a recurring theme in Fayetteville these days. I suggest that the city take a hard look at reducing expenses (labor). They continually add unnecessary or unproductive positions. There is a enough money to go around. If the city were a business they would be bankrupt. Fiscal responsibility. It's a term we should learn to live by.

Anonymous

10/02/2019 10:43 AM

I see commercial yard services blowing yard waste in to the streets. I am suggesting more education on how individuals can impact our water resources including children to adults. It is my opinion the city needs to keep in mind that every square foot of concrete laid changes the impact of water. Not sure I understand the thinking behind two current topics. One, on Old Wire why two paths, one for bikes one for pedestrians side by side? Why not one for pedestrians and bikes? Not seeing that many bike riders or pedestrians for that matter. Of course, I hope both increase. Two, the city entertaining the shortcut through the land south of Butterfield Elementary. Once you carve up that green space, it is gone forever. What will be the water shed result of paving that land with housing and streets, not to mention the increase in traffic? My overall concern is that we protect green spaces. It is essential for humans, wildlife, air quality and water. Thanks for asking and listening. Terry Smyers

Anonymous

10/02/2019 11:41 AM

The 1% renewed sales tax should be used for this and not so many CONCRETE bicycle boulevards. Few people use bicycle trails and we can't even get bad places in our asphalt streets repaved. What are your PRIORITIES? The 1% tax is a large amount of money surely some of it could be used for drainage and not so much for bicycle streets. Please consider this.

Anonymous

10/02/2019 06:48 PM

All new businesses have been approved by city council, planning commission, and mayor. The city has allowed the problems to

develop by not restricting developments that increase runoff. In my opinion new developments should bear the cost of impacting drainage issues-- similar to impact fees to water and sewer systems. Existing properties before 2018 should be exempt.

Anonymous

10/03/2019 04:38 PM

The square footage of residences should be based on square footage of ground floor and garage/driveway only. A three story home only affects drainage by its footprint.

Anonymous

10/04/2019 06:16 AM

Money should be taken from other extravagant spending that has been done around the city and put toward the important things like this. Trail building and beautifying already acceptable areas of Fayetteville should take a back seat to this. We are losing new residents due to the higher taxes here. Bentonville is getting all of the good businesses to draw my tax money. Fayetteville is getting too "funky" and not thinking things through in a business sense.

Anonymous

10/04/2019 06:26 AM

This is nothing more than a \$10,000/yr tax on my Company that already pays well in excess of \$500K per year in taxes to support infrastructure, schools, etc. I also have a payroll of around \$10mil/yr. Every time we add on (\$10+ mil in last 5 years) we pay dearly for your staff to design and/or approve our drainage systems. We follow the rules, because that's what we do. This is just another example of the anti-business climate in this community and a big reason why so many move to Benton County or elsewhere, myself included. Keep stuff like this up and Fayetteville will continue down the path of being nothing more than a college town. That's not a good economic model. I doubt there is anything we can do to change it, and that's too bad.

Anonymous

10/04/2019 07:46 AM

You should have included this in the money for the drainage improvement plan that passed in April (or added more money at that time) or maybe take money from the arts corridor. Plan and spend better - those fees are too high

Anonymous

10/04/2019 09:12 AM

We lose big business when you keep voting in fees. This is a monthly fee. We have tariffs, new gas tax, higher groc, and all utilities will go up by Jan. Understand you foresee a prob but charging monthly fees on property is not the way to do this. Give us time to adjust our budgets to higher costs coming.

Anonymous

10/04/2019 11:26 AM

The fees are taxes. Enough is enough

Anonymous

10/04/2019 11:28 AM

You knew this before the election. What else are you hiding from us>

Anonymous

10/04/2019 11:30 AM

Put this to a vote of the citizens.

Ali

10/04/2019 11:59 AM

Please stop all this hard surface development. Engineering and planning should have considered this in their overall development. They are getting ready to approve a multi residential site next to Gulley Park. Units crammed onto small lots with little or no grass or yard when the surrounding area (Magnolia Street, etc) homes' yards are washing away. You aren't planning for the future - you are trying to fix something that is already broken and instead of stopping and getting it corrected - you are continuing to add to the problem. If this comes to a vote - it will not be passed. The residents of Fayetteville are starting to pay attention and are fed up with the direction you've taken the development of our city.

Anonymous

10/04/2019 06:01 PM

If not for all the infill, the issue would not exist. All the infillers should pay everything. There should be credit for owners who have land with their property,

Anonymous

10/05/2019 06:49 AM

You passed the Bond Issue and received funds. Use them appropriately. Stop wasting money on bike trails and fix roads, bridges and storm drainage.

Anonymous

10/05/2019 08:12 AM

My husband and I are very against this tax!! This city is laying out more and more concrete trails and removing green space. The city council is creating problems with increased density of housing and hard surfaces. Our residents passed a bond issue allocating \$15.8 million toward implementing the drainage improvement plan. We feel the \$'s at hand are not being spent wisely. WE ARE AGAINST THIS TAX AND ANY FURTHER TAX(S).

Anonymous

10/06/2019 08:15 AM

I feel this increase is unnecessary and unreasonable Fayetteville miss using existing funds and driving business away from Fayetteville/ Walton Art Center / The Amp / restaurant all revenue you could of had

Anonymous

10/06/2019 08:41 AM

Use the current funds and re-prioritize the way you spend it.

Anonymous

10/06/2019 08:42 AM

Change the way you are spending our money. These problems have existed forever in Fayetteville.

Anonymous

10/06/2019 08:46 AM

These are taxes. How an election and let us tell you how we feel about the job you are doing.

Anonymous

10/06/2019 09:41 AM

Fayetteville has overbuilt beyond the capacity to handle stormwater runoff. A moratorium should be declared on new construction until flooding issues have been satisfactorily addressed. Every property owner should be educated on means to control runoff. "Keep it where it falls" must become the rule to guide all decisions. Direct the funds to education and installation of sustainable best practices on every property. Creating concrete drainage systems only speeds stormwater up to cause erosion in a new direction, particularly if the the impermeable built environment growth continues unabated. It is unconscionable that developers are given free rein by this City Council all the while expecting the public to pay fees to try to clean up the mess they are creating.

Anonymous

10/06/2019 09:47 AM

Firstly, the Flood Plain Administrator does NOT protect the flood plain. Secondly, Engineering through Transportation, outright refuses to clean any debris in gullies leading through watersheds which block proper drainage into the creek. This is causing worsening of erosion and flooding. The Flood Plain Administrators job is to prevent flooding. The Storm Water Engineer is to oversee the function of our drainage system. Tax is not going to change the contradiction between the latter. Additionally, the blanket MS4 and Storm Water Ordinances, would have to be amended to impose this tax. If the City of Fayetteville is going to clean and repair antiquated gullies, storm drains, and enforce storm water ordinances; some of our development code needs to be rewritten. Engineering and Administrators claim that GIS Data is accurate and is quite often used as a tool to speculate when the law clearly states that plat/survey is law. Currently by not cleaning drains and gullies leading into creeks; whether on private property or not, is gross negligence by The City of Fayetteville. Additionally, data provided to ADEQ on a yearly basis is rather vague and somewhat untrue. If you can guarantee transparency to the public based on the current laws, and stop lying, making up excuses why you cannot clean drains; then prove it. The person writing this can lead you to several unclean and blocked drainage systems running into our watersheds.

Anonymous

10/06/2019 10:44 AM

It is truly outrageous that we just approved a huge sales tax for sewer improvements and many other things that were far from essential (i.e.

arts corridor) and this was not taken into account. Talk about bait and switch! Very poor planning by our city. The proposed tier structure is far from reasonable. Our house is big, but it is three story with a small footprint, yet we are penalized. We also have a large yard and have planned lots of trees, yet that is not taken into account. Because of our square footage, we're treated as if our entire property is concrete, but it is far from that. Please figure out a more equitable system.

Anonymous

10/06/2019 12:34 PM

I believe this should be covered under the taxes that we are already paying.

Anonymous

10/06/2019 06:39 PM

This is definitely a problem and with construction continuing I assume the problem will grow. Thanks for addressing it

Anonymous

10/06/2019 07:10 PM

How do you account for multi story building? The overall square feet of your home accounts for multiple levels. To be fair, it should only be based on square footage of 1st floor.

Anonymous

10/07/2019 04:07 AM

Why is it that the city of Fayetteville AR, ALWAYS-ALWAYS, want to pay for evrything by going after the property owners.?????????????????. Why not put YOUR TAX on EVERYONES CITY WATER/ UTILITY BILL.. What about all!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! of the Renters that live in the city of Fayetteville, AR.. You guys, ie: City Council etc. never tax the renters..Mark Smith.. This is B>S**T

Optional question (484 response(s), 334 skipped)

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