



City of Carmel

CARMEL FINANCE, UTILITIES AND RULES COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026 - 4:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS/CITY HALL/ONE CIVIC SQUARE

1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS TO DISCUSS:

- a. **Ordinance D-2836-26**; An Ordinance of the Common Council of Carmel, Indiana, Amending Chapter 6, Article 7, Regarding Stormwater User Fees; Sponsor: Councilor Snyder.

Synopsis: An Ordinance amending the monthly stormwater user fees assessed against residential and non-residential properties and removing annual Cost of Living Adjustment.

- b. **Update on 2024 Infrastructure Bond Projects**

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ORDINANCE NO. D-2836-26

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARMEL, INDIANA
AMENDING CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 7 REGARDING STORMWATER USER FEES**

Synopsis:

An Ordinance amending the monthly stormwater user fees assessed against residential and non-residential properties and removing annual Cost of Living Adjustment.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ind. Code § 8-1.5-5, the City of Carmel (“City”) has created a department of stormwater management, which is controlled, operated, and supervised by the City’s Board of Public Works and Safety (“BPW”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ind. Code § 8-1.5-5-7, the department may be financed by the imposition of user fees from all the property within the stormwater district; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance D-2773-16 adopted by the Council on or about January 14, 2026, the Council adopted stormwater user fees based upon an equivalent residential user unit (ERU) of \$5.10; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance D-2773-16 included an annual Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increase of three percent (3%) per year; and

WHEREAS, based on the annual COLA increase, the 2026 ERU is \$6.85; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to amend its code of ordinances to establish new stormwater user fees and remove the annual COLA adjustment; and

WHEREAS, following a properly noticed public hearing and the approval of the Common Council, the BPW is permitted to assess and collect user fees; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council introduced Ordinance No. _____ (the “Ordinance”) on July ____, 2026 providing for the amendment of stormwater user fees; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ind. Code § 8-1.5-5-7, the BPW held a properly noticed public hearing on _____, 2026; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARMEL, INDIANA, as follows:

Section 1. The foregoing Recitals are fully incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. The following subsections of the of the Carmel City Code are hereby amended to read by the addition of the text that is underlined and the deletion of the text that is stricken through, to as follows:

CHAPTER 6 PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

ARTICLE 7. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

§6-211 STORM WATER USER FEES

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54 (4) The ERU shall be \$5.10 **\$10.00.**

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56 ~~(5) *Annual COLA Increase.* On January 1 of each year, beginning in 2017, a 3% Cost of Living~~
57 ~~Adjustment shall be added to the previous year's rates and charges. This 3% increase shall occur~~
58 ~~automatically each year unless and until such time that the Carmel City Council amends or adjusts the~~
59 ~~percentage of the COLA increase for the next fiscal year.~~

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61 Section 3. All prior ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with any provision of this
62 Ordinance are hereby repealed, to the extent of such inconsistency only, as of the effective date of this
63 Ordinance, such repeal to have prospective effect only. However, the repeal or amendment by this
64 Ordinance or any other ordinance does not affect any rights or liabilities accrued, penalties incurred or
65 proceedings begun prior to the effective date of this Ordinance. Those rights, liabilities and proceedings are
66 continued and penalties shall be imposed and enforced under such repealed or amended ordinance as if this
67 Ordinance had not been adopted.

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69 Section 4. If any portion of this Ordinance is for any reason declared to be invalid by a court
70 of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this
71 Ordinance so long as enforcement of the same can be given the same effect.

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73 Section 5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage
74 and signing by the Mayor and such publication as required by law.

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PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Carmel, this ____ day of _____, 2026,
by a vote of ____ ayes and ____ nays.

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARMEL, INDIANA

Matthew Snyder, President

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Anthony Green

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ATTEST:

Jacob Quinn, Clerk

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Carmel, Indiana this ____ day of
_____ 2026, at _____.M.

Jacob Quinn, Clerk

Approved by me, Mayor of the City of Carmel, Indiana, this ____ day of
_____ 2026, at _____.M.

Sue Finkam, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jacob Quinn, Clerk

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