

**INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**  
**Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 5:15 p.m.**  
**City Hall Council Chambers**

**Agenda**

- 1. Permit Policy- Organic Waste**  
**(Memo Attached)**
  
- 2. Ordinance Amendment: Stormwater Utility Billing**  
**(Memo & Council Order Attached)**



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PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT – OPERATION and MAINTENANCE

Dana R. Wardwell, Director

To: Infrastructure Committee  
From: Dana Wardwell  
Subject: Non-resident Brush  
Date: February 9, 2016

With the recent paper mill and bio-mass generation facilities closings, the market for wood chips is currently very low. Historically Public Works has received brush from residents and non-residents including commercial entities. We then have had a contractor chip this brush and pay us \$3 per ton for the wood chips. About 3 years ago there was a concern by some councilors that resident businesses that pay taxes should not provide a free service for non-resident competitors. The ordinance was revised so non-residents pay \$100 per year for a permit to use the facility. Due to present market conditions the contractor has stated that they will chip the existing brush pile at no charge. What money we will receive or have to pay to have the pile chipped in the future is unknown.

So far in FY 16 we have collected \$2850 for non-resident permits for disposing of brush and yard waste (leaves, grass clippings etc.). Most of the non-residents purchasing this permit are landscapers that dispose of mostly leaves and grass clippings. We receive about \$6,000 per year selling about 2000 tons of wood chips. From my observations out my window it appears that a very high percentage of the brush comes from handful commercial entities, the majority of which are non-residents. If market conditions do not improve and we have to pay to have the chips removed it is likely that residents may have to pay to dispose of non-resident brush. Staff recommends we cease selling permits for brush disposal to non-residents immediately.

## Memorandum

To: Infrastructure Committee  
From: Paul Nicklas, Assistant City Solicitor  
Date: February 9, 2016  
Re: Ordinance Amendment - Stormwater Utility Billing

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This Ordinance amendment would adjust and clarify several procedures related to stormwater billing.

The amendment would clarify that an approved stormwater credit would be applied beginning with the previous complete billing cycle, and that any funds owed to the City by the property owner must be paid before the credit is processed. The amendment would also give ratepayers 28 days to pay their stormwater bill from the date the stormwater bill is sent, to match the period for paying sewer bills, and would clarify that the fee is owed whether the bill is received or not, as is the case with taxes and sewer fees.



# CITY OF BANGOR

**ORDINANCE**, Amending Chapter 268, Stormwater, of the Code of the City of Bangor, By Adjusting Billing Procedures

**WHEREAS**, in the course of implementing the City's stormwater utility ordinance, certain billing issues have arisen; and

**WHEREAS**, these Ordinance amendments will clarify procedures, streamline the billing process, and bring billing practices into line with those used for taxes and sewer bills;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BANGOR AS FOLLOWS, THAT

Chapter 268 of the Code of the City of Bangor be amended as follows:

**§ 268-19. Credits.**

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C. Application.

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- (4) The Utility will review credit applications within four weeks after a complete application is submitted. If approved, the credit will be applied ~~for the~~ beginning with the most recent complete billing cycle in after which the application was received complete by the Engineering Department. Any outstanding balance owed the City by the property owner must be paid before the credit is processed.

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**§ 268-20. Fee collection schedule.**

Stormwater service fees shall be billed quarterly. To minimize administrative costs, notification and collection of stormwater utility fees shall be coordinated, to the extent possible, with the collection of sewer fees. A rate payer shall have ~~30~~ 28 days from ~~receipt of the date a~~ stormwater service fee bill is sent to make payment. The fee is owed whether a bill is received or not; failure of a property owner to receive a bill shall not delay or invalidate the requirement to make timely payment. Interest shall be charged on delinquent accounts after ~~30~~ the 28 days have elapsed at a rate equal to the prevailing interest rate for overdue property taxes in the City of Bangor, as may be amended from time to time by the City Council.

Additions are underlined, deletions ~~struck through~~.