



**City of Missoula, Montana**  
**Item to be Referred to City Council Committee**

**Committee:** Public Works

**Item:** An Ordinance Amending Missoula Municipal Code Chapter 13.27 to Update Storm Water Regulations

**Date:** February 6, 2020

**Sponsor(s):** Tracy L. Campbell

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**Ward(s) Affected:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 4
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All Wards	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

**Action Required:**

Set a public hearing and adopt an ordinance generally amending Missoula Municipal Code Chapter 13.27 entitled “Storm Water Utility, Rates, and Regulations” renaming the chapter “Storm Water Management” to update the storm water regulations in compliance with the City’s MS4 Storm Water Discharge Permit and provide for the enactment of standards by administrative rule.

**Recommended Motion(s):**

I move the City Council: Motion for February 24, 2020 [First reading and preliminary adoption]  
Set a public hearing on March 9, 2020, and preliminarily adopt an ordinance generally amending Missoula Municipal Code Chapter 13.27 entitled “Storm Water Utility, Rates, and Regulations” renaming the chapter “Storm Water Management” to update the storm water regulations in compliance with the City’s MS4 Storm Water Discharge Permit and provide for the enactment of standards by administrative rule. Motion for March 9, 2020 [Second and final reading]  
Adopt/Deny an ordinance generally amending Missoula Municipal Code Chapter 13.27 entitled “Storm Water Utility, Rates, and Regulations” renaming the chapter “Storm Water Management” to update the storm water regulations in compliance with the City’s MS4 Storm Water Discharge Permit and provide for the enactment of standards by administrative rule.

**Timeline:**

Referral to committee:	February 10, 2020
Committee discussion:	February 12, 2020
Council action (or sets hearing):	February 24, 2020
Public Hearing:	March 9, 2020
Deadline:	N/A

**Background and Alternatives Explored:**

The City’s Storm Water Utility was created in October 2016, and since that time, the utility has been working to identify areas that need additional focus in order to fully comply with state and federal storm water regulations. The utility realized that revisions to Chapter 13.27 are needed to ensure the City’s Storm Water Utility is in compliance with its Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit, which is administered by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality on behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and in order to comply with The Clean Water Act of 1972. Changes to this chapter also address requirements for

storm water injection well (i.e., dry well or “sump”) permitting and operation to comply with the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, all with the goal of preventing the pollution of the Missoula Valley aquifer. This sole-source aquifer provides drinking water for Missoula Valley residents, including all Missoula Water customers.

**Financial Implications:**

None.

**Links to external websites:**