



STAFF REPORT

AGENDA NO: 10a

MEETING DATE: April 6, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

Date: April 6, 2026

From: Helen Yu-Scott, Finance Director – (650) 558-7222

Subject: Public Hearing and Resolution of the City Council of the City of Burlingame Adjusting the Storm Drainage Fee for Fiscal Year 2026-27 by 2.0% Based on the CPI – San Francisco Area as Published on March 11, 2026

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council hold a public hearing on the proposed 2.0% CPI increase for the annual Storm Drainage Fee (Burlingame Municipal Code Chapter 4.30 et seq.) and, following the hearing, adopt the attached resolution.

BACKGROUND

The City of Burlingame Ordinance No. 1836 (as approved by the voters and codified in Chapter 4.30, “Storm Drainage Fee,” of the Burlingame Municipal Code) determines the methodology for adjusting the annual storm drainage fee. The ordinance language is as follows (emphasis added):

4.30.030 Setting the fee.

(a) Commencing with fiscal year 2010-11, the city council, following a public hearing, shall determine the storm drainage fee. In no event shall the square footage rate for impervious area be increased beyond that rate approved by a majority vote of the property owners subject to the storm drainage fee without further approval by a majority vote of the property owners subject to the storm drainage fee; provided, however, that, **without approval by a majority vote of the property owners subject to the storm drainage fee, the maximum per square foot rate for impervious area, commencing fiscal year 2010-2011, may be increased by an amount equal to the change in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers for the area including San Mateo County (the “CPI”), including all items as published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics as of March 1st of each year, not to exceed a maximum increase of two (2) percent per year.**

(b) The storm drainage fee shall not be deemed to be increased in the event the actual fee upon a parcel in any given year is higher due to an increase in the amount of the impervious area of the subject parcel.

(c) In any year in which the city council does not change the rate per square foot of impervious area, the previously adopted fee shall continue in full force and effect for the next fiscal year. Property owners whose storm drainage is increased/decreased as a result a change in impervious area have appeal rights under Section 4.30.050.

(d) The city council shall not be required to enact an inflation increase in each year but may accumulate the inflationary increases and enact the cumulative amount.

DISCUSSION

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (www.bls.gov) data for the San Francisco area is published bimonthly in even-numbered months: February, April, June, August, October, and December.

The report published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics as of March 11, 2026, was the CPI report for February 2026, which indicated a **CPI increase of 2.5%**. The ordinance caps the annual increase at 2.0%.

CITY OF BURLINGAME, CA ADJUSTMENTS TO STORM DRAINAGE FEE				
Fiscal Year	% Increase CPI	\$ Increase Amount	Rate Per Square Ft.	CPI
FY 09-10	N/A	N/A	\$ 0.04192	
FY 10-11	2.0%	\$ 0.00084	\$ 0.04276	2.600
FY 11-12	1.5%	\$ 0.00064	\$ 0.04340	1.500
FY 12-13	2.0%	\$ 0.00087	\$ 0.04427	2.900
FY 13-14	2.0%	\$ 0.00089	\$ 0.04516	2.400
FY 14-15	2.0%	\$ 0.00090	\$ 0.04606	2.400
FY 15-16	2.0%	\$ 0.00092	\$ 0.04698	2.500
FY 16-17	2.0%	\$ 0.00094	\$ 0.04792	3.000
FY 17-18	2.0%	\$ 0.00096	\$ 0.04888	3.400
FY 18-19	2.0%	\$ 0.00098	\$ 0.04986	3.600
FY 19-20	2.0%	\$ 0.00100	\$ 0.05086	3.500
FY 20-21	0.0%	\$ -	\$ 0.05086	2.900
FY 21-22	3.6%	\$ 0.00183	\$ 0.05269	1.600
FY 22-23	2.0%	\$ 0.00105	\$ 0.05374	5.200
FY 23-24	2.0%	\$ 0.00107	\$ 0.05481	5.300
FY 24-25	2.0%	\$ 0.00110	\$ 0.05591	2.400
FY 25-26	2.0%	\$ 0.00112	\$ 0.05703	2.700
FY 26-27	2.0%	\$ 0.00114	\$ 0.05817	2.500

These revenues should provide amounts adequate to pay the debt service on the bonds that provide funding for identified storm drain capital projects.

FISCAL IMPACT

The increase of 2.0% in the storm drainage fee raises the rate charged per square foot of impervious area from 5.703 cents to 5.817 cents, effective July 1, 2026. The increase is estimated to produce an additional \$66,120, for an estimated revenue of nearly \$3.4 million in fiscal year 2026-27. The additional revenue will be included in the City budget for fiscal year 2026-27.

Exhibits:

- Resolution
- US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Western Information Office, Consumer Price Index - San Francisco Area, February 2026 (dated March 11, 2026)