

Goldson Stormwater Amendment 1.

A city property tax payer shall see his property tax bill reduced by the exact amount he pays in stormwater fees. Credit will be calculated automatically by the city and will not need further proof or application from the taxpayer.

Goldson Stormwater Amendment 2.

A city property taxpayer shall see his property tax bill reduced by the exact amount equal to the amount of costs incurred to mitigate run off from their property, and said deduction will go on in perpetuity. If the mitigation costs are equal to the stormwater bill, the bill shall be graduated to zero. If the mitigation costs are greater than the stormwater bill, the bill shall be reduced to zero.

In the future, if questions are raised by the city on whether those mitigating items are still in place, the burden of proof shall be placed on the city and not the taxpayer.

Goldson Stormwater Amendment 3.

The Board of Aldermen will make four of the seven appointments to the Stormwater Board of Directors, One appointment by the President of the Board, which can either be an Alderman or a registered New Haven resident; one appointment by the Majority Leader, which can either be an Alderman or a registered New Haven resident; one appointment by the Minority Leader, which can either be an Alderman or a registered New Haven resident; and one appointment of an Alderman by the entire Board of Aldermen.

Goldson Stormwater Amendment 4.

There shall be established at least a three person committee of the stormwater board to hear any taxpayer disputes. If the dispute is not settled to the satisfaction of the taxpayer, they may appeal to the Board of Aldermen.

Goldson Stormwater Amendment 5.

Right to Enter and Inspect

The Authority and its authorized agents and representatives, bearing proper credentials and identification, shall be permitted to enter upon all properties WITH THE EXPRESSED WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE TAXPAYER for the purposes of inspection, observation, measurement, sampling, testing, and such other purposes, in order to ascertain compliance with this ordinance.

Goldson Stormwater Amendment 6.

Stormwater fees may only be raised with a two thirds vote of the entire Board of Aldermen.

Goldson Stormwater Amendment 7.

If any entity, through legislative or judicial action, is granted an exemption to the stormwater authority fees, the stormwater ordinance will be voided.

Elicker Amendment: change subsection 3.1 to read "One member of the Board shall be a member of the Board of Aldermen, chosen and elected by the legislative body to serve a term of

one year/"

Questions for consideration:

How are delinquent rate payers going to be handled?

If currently the City collects nearly 98% of this based on tax collections do we risk collecting less by creating this authority?

What is the cost of setting up and administering the authority, is that more than what will come in, in the first few years?

What cost containment measures are in place to control this fee from escalating?

If a property owner has a totally pervious surface, or has property that is the final resting place of stormwater runoff, do they get charged, and how much?

What is the advantage to this authority being New Haven only as opposed to a regional authority?

Why are averages being proposed for the assessments instead of individual assessments?
How are condos, co-ops, and apartment owners assessed?

As to satellite imagery, what is the proposed methodology and timing of the imaging and how do tree canopies affect this?

Since the statute allows any existing Board or Commission to be the stormwater authority is a new board needed?

Is the Board of Aldermen the appropriate body to determine the appropriateness of rates?

Is there another way to assess tax exempt rate payers for this service without having to assess current tax payers?

Has consideration been given to the effect of this charge on the deduction that homeowners receive for their property taxes on their federal taxes?