ORDINANCE NO. 174, 2024 OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS AMENDING CHAPTER 26 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS TO REVISE STORMWATER PLANT INVESTMENT FEES

A. The City Council is empowered and directed by City Charter Article XII, Section 6, by ordinance from time to time, to fix, establish, maintain, and provide for the collection of such rates, fees or charges for water and for other utility services furnished by the City as will produce revenues sufficient to pay the costs, expenses, and other obligations as set forth therein.

B. Article VII, Chapter 26 of the City Code establishes the stormwater utility as a utility service furnished by and as an enterprise of the City.

C. City Council has adopted stormwater basin and City-wide master plans recommending stormwater facilities necessary to provide for proper drainage and control of flood and surface waters within the City.

D. In 1998, City Council adopted Ordinance No. 168, 1998, determining that all lands within the City benefit by the installation of such stormwater facilities.

E. Existing stormwater rate payers have paid for the design, right-of-way, and construction of stormwater facilities identified in the drainage basin master plans that will benefit and be utilized by new development.

F. City Council has determined that new development should pay its proportionate share of the costs of capital stormwater facilities in existence at the time of development in the form of a stormwater plant investment fee as established by City Code Section 26-512 ("Stormwater PIF").

G. City Code Section 26-511 requires that the City Manager review the rates and parameters for the Stormwater PIF annually and present them to City Council for approval no less frequently than biennially.

H. The City Manager and City staff have also recommended to the City Council adjustment of the Stormwater PIF as set forth herein.

I. Based on the foregoing, City Council desires to amend Chapter 26 of the City Code to adjust the Stormwater PIF as set forth herein.

In light of the foregoing recitals, which the Council hereby makes and adopts as determinations and findings, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. Section 26-512 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 26-512. - Stormwater plant investment fees established.

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(2) Plant investment fee base rate. The stormwater plant investment fee base rate is hereby established as follows:

Per gross acre of area	<mark>\$11,834</mark> \$12,012
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Section 2. The modifications set forth above shall be effective for all fees paid on or after January 1, 2025.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading on November 19, 2024, and approved on second reading for final passage on December 3, 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Effective Date: December 13, 2024 Approving Attorney: Eric Potyondy