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	Agenda Item No.	45
	Roll Call No.	<u>17-307</u>
	Communication No.	<u>17-076</u>
	Submitted by:	Jonathan A. Gano, P.E., Public Works Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving amendments to Chapter 118 of the Municipal Code regarding establishment of a Stormwater Best Management Practices Rebate Program.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend Council approval of amendments to Chapter 118 of the Municipal Code regarding the Stormwater Management Utility. These amendments of the Municipal Code establish a Stormwater Best Management Practices Rebate Program for customers of the Stormwater Management Utility of the City of Des Moines. Qualifying practices include bio-retention cells, rain gardens, permeable pavement, rain barrels, streambank stabilization, and soil quality restoration. Amendment also clarifies that the public works director is the director of the stormwater utility and to set the periodic survey of impervious surface calculation to not less than once every 10 years.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$75,000

Funding Source: 2016-17 Operating Budget, Public Works, NPDES, PW248424

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The City’s Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System permit issued by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) requires public education and outreach on stormwater and also requires the City to encourage the use of stormwater best management practices that consider both quality and quantity of stormwater runoff. The goals of this rebate program are to create a cost-effective incentive for the construction of stormwater best management practices and to increase public awareness of the sustainable practices to control stormwater runoff.

- Rebate program will provide a maximum of a \$2,000 rebate as a reimbursement for 50% of the reasonable total out of pocket cost of materials and labor per property.
- Qualifying practices which shall be considered eligible for rebate include bio-retention cells, rain gardens, permeable pavement, rain barrels, streambank stabilization, soil quality restoration, or other similar practices which meet the criteria of the Iowa Stormwater Management Manual and approved by the director.

- A rebate application must be approved before work is begun in order to be eligible for reimbursement.
- The amount of funding for this program will be capped on an annual basis, at an amount recommended by the director, in the Public Works Department operating budget as approved by the City Council.
- Program duration March 1, 2017 through June 30, 2023.
- The City Manager shall make all procedural and administrative determinations necessary to implement this program not in conflict with the provisions and intent of this division.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: July 12, 2010

Roll Call Number: [10-1148](#)

Action: [Amending](#) Chapter 118 of the Municipal Code establishing a Stormwater Innovative Practices Rebate Program. Moved by Hensley that this ordinance do now pass, [#14,949](#). Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Renewal of program in 2023 if determined to be effective.

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