NOTICE OF HEARING TO IMPOSE AND PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF STORMWATER UTILITY FEES

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Umatilla, Florida, will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of a final resolution establishing the annual Stormwater Drainage Utility Fee rate for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026, approving the Stormwater Utility Fee Roll, and authorizing collection of the Stormwater Drainage Utility Fees through the uniform method of collection provided in Chapter 197, Florida Statutes.

The public hearing will be held at **6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2026**, in the City Council Chambers, Umatilla City Hall, **1 South Central Avenue, Umatilla, Florida 32784**. All affected property owners have the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the City Council within twenty (20) days of this notice.

The Stormwater Drainage Utility Fee is imposed to fund stormwater management services, facilities, operations, maintenance, repair, replacement, improvement, administration, and related stormwater program costs within the City of Umatilla. The fee is imposed upon developed property within the incorporated area of the City that receives or is benefited by stormwater drainage utility services and facilities.

For the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026, the proposed annual Stormwater Drainage Utility Fee rate is **$199.74 per equivalent residential unit (ERU)**. Each single-family dwelling unit constitutes one ERU. Nonresidential developed property is assigned ERUs based upon each 3,610 square feet of impervious area, subject to the minimum charge and any classifications, credits, exemptions, adjustments, and administrative determinations authorized by the City Code and applicable resolutions. The annual fee attributable to each parcel will equal the number of applicable ERUs assigned to the parcel multiplied by **$199.74**, subject to any lawful credit, exemption, adjustment, or minimum charge.

The Stormwater Utility Fee Roll, which identifies each parcel subject to the fee, the applicable classification and number of ERUs or other fee units, and the annual stormwater drainage utility fee attributable to each parcel, is available for inspection at the office of the City Clerk, Umatilla City Hall, 1 South Central Avenue, Umatilla, Florida 32784.

If approved, the Stormwater Drainage Utility Fees will be collected on the ad valorem tax bill to be mailed in November 2026, as authorized by section 197.3632, Florida Statutes. Failure to pay the fees will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property, which may result in loss of title.

Property subject to the Stormwater Drainage Utility Fee consists of developed property located within the incorporated boundaries of the City of Umatilla, Florida.

