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City Council Members,

I am writing in regards to the proposed Stormwater Utility rate increase that will be before you this evening. The proposed increase in this fee is substantial and being mid-year creates budgetary issues for those residents on fixed or limited incomes. This rate increase is being touted as a pseudo emergency as the balance in the account isn't enough to sustain the utility for the remainder of the year. However, the revenue from the utility has been outpaced by expenditures since 2022. A gradual increase in the utility fee could have been implemented 3 years ago and would have avoided this steep increase that, if passed, would take effect in 19 days.

I respectfully request that the council not adopt the fee increase as proposed and instead direct Public Works to come up with a plan that is less of a sudden financial impact on the citizens of La Crosse.

Thank you,

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