

## Proposition S Implementation of Fee to Maintain and Improve Hannibal's Stormwater Conveyance System

**Background:** For decades, the Hannibal stormwater system has been neglected and has been deteriorating due to a lack of funding. This is beginning to result in system failures and road and sidewalk collapses across the City. In 2017, the City of Hannibal gave the Board of Public Works (HBPW) the responsibility to address the problem, however, there is currently no funding mechanism in place to maintain the system. Prior attempts to create funding mechanisms have been unsuccessful. In early 2023, HBPW formed a committee of 15 Hannibal citizens to analyze and recommend a fair and equitable stormwater system funding solution. This committee, called the Stormwater Advisory Committee (SWAC), represents a diverse array of perspectives including different Hannibal city neighborhoods, industries, developers, businesses, and residents.

**Proposition S:** The SWAC held numerous public meetings to gather information and ultimately concluded the most fair, equitable, and appropriate manner to establish a stormwater funding system is to implement a flat fee per parcel of land with the amount of the fee due based on a property's electric meter classification and kilowatt hour usage per average annual month ("kWh"), on the following schedule:

Active Meter by Class AND Average Monthly KWH Usage (Past 12 Months)	Tax per Month	Tax per Year
<b>Residential Properties</b>		
Small (0-715 KWH)	\$ 12	\$ 144
Medium (716-1260 KWH)	\$ 16	\$ 192
Large (1261 KWH +)	\$ 20	\$ 240
<b>Commercial Properties</b>		
0-1015 KWH	\$ 110	\$ 1,320
1016-6000 KWH	\$ 150	\$ 1,800
6001-21,600 KWH	\$ 190	\$ 2,280
21,600 KWH or greater	\$ 230	\$ 2,760
<b>Industrial Properties</b>		
0-720,000 KWH	\$ 420	\$ 5,040
720,001 KWH or greater	\$ 570	\$ 6,840
<b>Non-Metered Properties</b>		
	\$ 8	\$ 96

This would result in properties which have more stormwater runoff paying more and those with less runoff paying less but with no entities facing an unbearable fee structure. This funding mechanism would result in approximately \$3 million to \$3.5 million in funding per year to maintain and improve Hannibal's stormwater conveyance system.

The Hannibal City Council put this proposed stormwater fee on the April 2, 2024 ballot where it is designated as Proposition S. The ballot language for Proposition S is as follows:

### **PROPOSITION S**

**To pay costs associated with maintaining and improving the City of Hannibal's underground stormwater conveyance system, shall the City of Hannibal implement a flat fee of \$12 to \$20 per month for properties with residential electric meters, \$110 to \$230 per month for properties with commercial electric meters, \$420 to \$570 per month for properties with industrial electric meters, and \$8 per month for non-metered properties, with the amount due determined by average annual monthly kilowatt hour usage?**

If Proposition S is passed by the voters, the fee would start to be assessed and collected in 2025 and the funds then used to maintain and improve Hannibal's stormwater conveyance system.