The Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas is implementing a proportional rate system based on the impervious surface method for calculating the stormwater rate. The method is fair and is used by all area municipalities and most municipalities across the U.S. These funds will be invested in GROWTH (maintenance and improvements to our complex system), PROTECTION (enhancing health, reducing pollution) and SUSTAINABILITY (financial stability for property, infrastructure and environment).

**HERE’S THE DEAL:**
Currently, every property big and small pays the same monthly fee: $4.50

**SO WHAT’S THE PROBLEM?**
Our stormwater rate hasn’t changed since 2012 and can’t meet current and future demands.

**We’re proposing a proportional rate system based on the area of impervious surface or hard surface.**

**HARD SURFACE RATE?**

**“IMPERVIOUS SURFACE”**
refers to all types of hard surfaces including pavements, buildings, patios, driveways, compacted soil and compacted gravel.

⭐ The area of impervious surface and qualifying credits will determine your total monthly fee. Residential and business customers will be assessed at the same rate.

⭐ This increases funding for maintenance and improvements of stormwater management infrastructure, allowing us to meet the growing demand of Wyandotte County.
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ME?
All customers will experience a rate increase.

70% of customers will experience a rate increase of $2.45 per month ($29.40 per year) beginning March 2021 and continuing through 2027.

We can more sustainably manage our growing stormwater infrastructure into the future.

Reduced street closures.

Reduced river pollution, flooding risks and events.

Keep in compliance with state and federal requirements.

WHY THE SWITCH?

Impervious area is the MOST USED METHOD across the U.S.

• All area municipalities use or are in the process of adopting this method.

The current system is UNBALANCED and INADEQUATE.

• Everyone pays the same flat fee, regardless of size.
• It generates $3.4M per year, which is $136.6M less than we need.

The new system is FAIR and EFFECTIVE.

• The total fee is based on contribution to the system.
• 81% of survey respondents support this method.
• Homes and businesses are treated the same.

And most importantly, the new Hard Surface Rate system creates GROWTH, PROTECTION and SUSTAINABILITY.