

	<p>Agenda Item: Original Ordinance, Second Reading</p> <p>Title: Original Ordinance No. 2118, Repealing Laramie Municipal Code (LMC) Chapter 13.80 Related to Surface Water Drainage</p> <p>(Introduced by Newman)</p>
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Recommended Council Motion:

I move that the Laramie City Council approve Original Ordinance No. 2118, on second reading, repealing Laramie Municipal Code Chapter 13.80 related to surface water drainage as enacted by Enrolled Ordinance No. 1876.

Administrative or Policy Goal:

Focus resources and policy efforts on areas with greater regulatory and financial certainty.

Background:

In December 2024, the City established the Surface Water Management Fund through adoption of Chapter 13.80 of the Laramie Municipal Code (LMC 13.80), following many years of study, planning, and extensive community discussion regarding the need for a sustainable funding mechanism to maintain, operate, and improve the city’s stormwater system.

In response to public concerns following adoption, on August 5, 2025, the City Council approved Resolution 2025-65, suspending implementation of the Surface Water Management Program business plan and establishing a 120-day review period.

City Council subsequently conducted three public work sessions on September 9, 2025, October 14, 2025, and November 12, 2025, to review the program, gather public input, and evaluate potential modifications.

On November 18, 2025, Council adopted Resolution 2025-93, extending the suspension of the Surface Water Management Program under LMC 13.80 through June 30, 2026.

On February 3, 2026, Council passed and approved Enrolled Ordinance No. 1876, amending LMC 13.80 to add rate caps and affirming that billing would begin July 1, 2026.

On February 19, 2026, Senator Crum introduced draft Senate File 0116 (SF0116) to the Judiciary Committee of the Wyoming Legislature. The proposed legislation, if enacted, would significantly affect and potentially render LMC 13.80 unworkable. The bill was approved in committee and placed on General File for further consideration. On February 24, 2026, the bill failed on third reading in the Senate. The Wyoming Association of Municipalities has committed to work with the Legislature in the interim for a possible bill on the subject next year.

Given the current legislative uncertainty surrounding surface water funding authority, staff recommends repealing Chapter 13.80 of the Laramie Municipal Code to allow the City to focus resources and policy efforts on areas with greater regulatory and financial certainty.

This ordinance formally repeals Chapter 13.80 of the Laramie Municipal Code in its entirety, thereby eliminating the Surface Water Management Fund and its associated billing and regulatory framework.

Public Hearing (PH) Held	March 17, 2026
PH Advertised	March 7, 2026
Introduction/1 st Reading	March 3, 2026
2 nd Reading	March 17, 2026
3 rd Reading	April 7, 2026

Future dates are subject to change.

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