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### **Libertarian Party of Osceola County Takes Strong Stance Against Storm Water Fee**

Though the Libertarian Party of Osceola County wants our county lakes, rivers, and streams to be properly maintained, and we understand that to avoid future flooding issues we must have an up to date storm water system; we strongly oppose the use of an added Storm Water Fee. Osceola County can not continue to bear the added cost of further implementing fees and taxes upon its residents. The added \$10, \$15, or \$20 could be the difference between a family completing a monthly rent payment or becoming another family on the streets of our county. This fee could be the difference between a company moving into the currently developing Neo-City or simply choosing to go elsewhere.

We need to make Osceola County the best place possible to live, play, and work. This fee will place that goal farther away by further increasing the cost of living, purchasing goods, and doing business. New high paying jobs will tend to go further away as we increase the cost of doing business. They will rather go elsewhere, where they are able to avoid the exorbitant overhead cost. This will leave Osceola with a further lack of new; much needed, industry. It will leave all the tax dollars invested in Neo-city in the waste bin of the past. Lastly, it will leave residents longing to be able to get more for their hard earn dollars.

This fee; as mentioned many times, could be anywhere from \$5 to \$20 dollars per month for residents. This could be multiplied times over for business, agricultural, or any other number of property types. What this means is a definite increase in cost for business and property owners and a possible increase in cost for consumers. If a resident is already seeing an increase in their daily bills they will not be able to also sustain the added cost at the register.

This commission will soon have the decision; to either further increase the cost of its residents, visitors, and entrepreneur or to figure out some way that staff may find these funds elsewhere.

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