



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REQUEST

Meeting Type: Mayor & Council Meeting

Meeting Date: 01/04/2021

Agenda Item: First Reading of Ordinance No. 20-22 To Amend Chapter 96 "Stormwater Management" of the Revised Code of Ordinances

Department: Public Works

Requested By: Andrew Parker

Reviewed/Approved by City Attorney? Yes

Cost: N/A

Funding Source if Not in Budget N/A

Please Provide A Summary of Your Request, Including Background Information to Explain the Request:

The City is required to update its Stormwater Management ordinance (Chapter 96) to comply with current EPD regulations. GAEPD is requiring Phase II MS4 permittees to update their post construction stormwater ordinances for development. The update requires new development and redevelopment projects to apply the runoff reduction standard, when feasible, to take the place of the current water quality standard (removing 80% of the calculated average annual post-development total suspended solids load). The runoff reduction standard requires sites to retain the first 1 (one) inch of rainfall on-site to the maximum extent practical. Runoff reduction methods mimic the natural process of allowing precipitation to infiltrate thus helping mitigate the increase in runoff created by development. The determination that it is infeasible to apply the stormwater runoff reduction standard on part or all of a project must be documented in the plan review process. When runoff reduction is infeasible on part or all of a site, then the default water quality standard (removing 80% of the calculated average annual post-development total suspended solids load) must still be met.

The updated ordinance also removes the post construction exemption for two-lane road construction as required by the latest applicable MS4 permit. Additionally, the revised ordinance makes provisions for the City to accept easements for public dedication of private drainage systems under certain circumstances as outlined in the revised ordinance Sec. 96-1.