



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

DATE OF MEETING: October 9, 2025

ITEM TITLE: Chapter 102 – Stormwater Management Policy and SUDAS

DISCUSSION:

During the May 5, 2025, July 7, 2025, and August 4, 2025, City Council Work Sessions, Staff brought forth this item for discussion by the Council. As we have continued to work through this process, we have received feedback from Wapsie Valley Creamery, Crawford Engineering, Fehr Grahm Engineering (through WVC), and David Carney, Director of SUDAS/Public Works Service Bureau, Institute for Transportation, at Iowa State University. Based on all of that feedback, we have modified the original Ordinance to incorporate their feedback.

At the August 4, 2025, City Council Work Session, it was apparent that additional outside feedback was needed for the Council, and to that end I have asked ISG to review and provide comments to us on the plan with this ordinance. They have generated the following two documents after reviewing the proposed ordinance and will also be present to give feedback and discuss this potential ordinance with the Council.

Attached are the two documents from ISG, the most recent version of the Ordinance, and an Ordinance to create Chapter 168 - SUDAS, which adopts the Iowa Statewide Urban Design and Specifications (SUDAS) for use on all Public Infrastructure projects in the City of Independence.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends discussion of this topic. No action is needed at this meeting, as any decision items needed would be brought forward to a City Council meeting for approval.