



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

DATE OF MEETING: October 13, 2025

ITEM TITLE: First Reading of an Ordinance Amendment to create Chapter 102 - Stormwater Management Policy

BACKGROUND:

This item has been brought forward for discussion at several previous City Council Work Sessions, including those on May 5, July 7, August 4, and most recently, October 9, 2025. Throughout this process, staff have received and incorporated feedback from multiple stakeholders, including Wapsie Valley Creamery, Crawford Engineering, Fehr Graham Engineering, David Carney, Director of SUDAS at Iowa State University, and, most recently, ISG. The proposed ordinance has been modified to reflect this feedback.

DISCUSSION:

During the August 4, 2025, City Council Work Session, it was determined that additional outside feedback was necessary. To that end, the engineering firm ISG was asked to review the proposed ordinance and provide comments. ISG presented their findings at the October 9, 2025, work session, noting that the proposed ordinance was appropriate and in line with standards used by other agencies. Attached for consideration is the final version of this ordinance.

RESULTS:

The City has established priorities during strategic planning sessions. This item supports the visions from that session of **supporting high-quality City services** and **supporting and enhancing City infrastructure**. This item helps achieve that vision by establishing clear, modern standards for stormwater management, which protects and improves our public infrastructure and ensures the consistent delivery of high-quality services to residents and businesses.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

Once the new supplement has been mailed to City Hall, fees will need to be paid to Simmering-Cory Iowa Codification. Additional publication costs will also be incurred.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends a motion to approve the first reading of an Ordinance that creates Chapter 102 – Stormwater Management Policy.

Staff recommends a motion to suspend the statutory rule requiring an ordinance to be considered and voted on for passage at two council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed.

Staff recommends a motion to have this ordinance that creates Chapter 102 – Stormwater Management Policy, be placed on its final passage for adoption pursuant to Iowa Code Section 380.3 and to authorize the Mayor to sign the Ordinance. The changes will be effective upon the ordinance summary being published in the newspaper.