
TO: St. Francis Planning Commission
FROM: Paul Carpenter, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: Code Revisions – Stormwater Management
DATE: June 16, 2025 meeting

OVERVIEW

A minor amendment to our City Code is required for compliance with the current stormwater regulations as determined by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency under our MS4 Stormwater Permit. The revisions are explained in more detail below. Proposed Code additions are underlined and in **red**. Proposed Code deletions are ~~struck-through~~.

CODE REVISIONS

Off Site Stormwater Treatment

The City's ordinances require applicants to manage stormwater on their site when feasible. In most cases within St. Francis, it is feasible to manage stormwater on site. However, section 10-82-00 of the Zoning Code includes provisions to provide stormwater management at an offsite location for projects that have made a reasonable effort but are unable to fully meet all requirements on site.

The proposed ordinance amendment specifies that offsite treatment projects must involve the creation of new structural stormwater BMPs, retrofit of existing structural stormwater BMPs, or use of properly designed regional structural stormwater BMPs.

This ordinance amendment clarifies that maintenance of an existing stormwater pond or other stormwater BMP is not acceptable as a mitigation measure, as maintenance of an existing facility does not provide "new" stormwater management.

ACTION TO BE CONSIDERED

Staff is requesting that the Planning Commission hold a public hearing and review the proposed text amendment to the Zoning Code. Staff recommends that the Planning Commission act to recommend approval of the change to the City Council.

Suggested Motion:

1. Move to recommend approval of the proposed amendment to Section 10-82-04 of the Zoning Code as presented by Staff.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Stormwater Management – Stormwater Pollution Prevention Ordinance – 1st Reading