



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CENTER



DSC Information Notice #195 November 13, 2012

Topic: Changes to the City's Erosion & Sediment Control Program

Background:

The City of Virginia Beach was recently audited by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) on its Erosion and Sediment Control (ESC) Program. The City was found to be "inconsistent" with the state's program and as a result, had to implement changes to the four (4) components that make up the program no later than December 28, 2012. The components are Administration, Plan Review, Inspection and Enforcement.

Discussion:

Highlights of the changes to the components required to bring the City's program into full compliance are listed below and detailed information can be found by clicking on the associated link.

Administration – [Changes to the City Code](#) Chapter 30 which included general housekeeping, definitions and the establishment of a variance process.

Plan Review – [Revised notes](#) pertaining to ESC, developed a certification to ensure the design professional addresses the [19 minimum standards](#) (A [second certification checklist](#) which includes contractor instructions is also provided, either checklist may be used), use of a standard format for the [ESC project narrative](#), all of which are to be included on the development plans. **However, revised notes pertaining to ESC are not required for single family development plans.** In addition to these changes, a [variance process](#) to the minimum standards and regulations has been formalized.

Inspection – Require ESC measures to be installed in accordance with the approved plans, [city inspections](#) of measures will be performed during or immediately following installation and within 48 hours of runoff producing storm event.

Enforcement – Established timeframes for [violations](#), formal inspection reports will be delivered to the RLD and permit holder for violations that are unresolved, and stop work orders will be issued for non-compliance.

Effective Date: Immediately. All new development plans submitted for review/approval must adhere to the plan review component as of December 28, 2012.

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