



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CENTER



DSC Information Notice #206

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Topic: Ordinance Amendments, New and Revised Plan Review Fees, effective July 1, 2014

On April 22, 2014, City Council adopted revisions required by and associated with the Virginia Stormwater Management Program (VSMP) to the following ordinances and codes:

- Appendix B, Subdivision Regulations
http://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/planning/codesOrd/Documents/3339_ord.pdf
- Appendix C, Site Plan Ordinance
http://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/planning/codesOrd/Documents/3340_ord.pdf
- Appendix D, Stormwater Management Ordinance
http://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/planning/codesOrd/Documents/3337_ord.pdf
- Appendix F, Chesapeake Bay Preservations Area Ordinance
http://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/planning/codesOrd/Documents/3341_ord.pdf
- Appendix G, Southern Watersheds Management Ordinance
http://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/planning/codesOrd/Documents/3342_ord.pdf
- City Code Sections 2-275, 2-288 and 2-388 pertaining to Civil Penalties
http://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/planning/codesOrd/Documents/3338_ord.pdf
- City Code Sections 30-57, 30-58, 30-61 and 30-71 pertaining to Land Disturbing Activities
http://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/planning/codesOrd/Documents/3345_ord.pdf

These ordinances should be included in Municode within the next month, but are currently located on the city website as listed above.

Major changes include:

- A complete repeal and rewrite of the Stormwater Management Ordinance to comply with State regulations
- Revisions to other development ordinances and code sections to appropriately associate with the new stormwater regulations and State code references
- Plan review fees:
 - New stormwater management plan review fees required for all projects requiring stormwater management plans
 - Revised site plan review fees for all types and sizes of site plans
 - Revised subdivision construction plan review fees
 - Fees are based on Land Disturbing Area (LDA)
 - LDA includes disturbed areas on-site, on any adjoining properties and in the right-of-way
 - Includes off-site drainage and utility work
 - Includes open cuts and all other work in the right-of-way
 - Does not include milling and overlay of an existing street
 - Fees for stormwater management plan review are required regardless of the grandfathering status of the project
 - If the total City and State combined fee was paid to the Commonwealth of Virginia when registering for the 2014 Construction General Permit, the City's stormwater management plan review fee will not be assessed. Proof of payment to the Commonwealth will be required.
 - If during review the LDA is determined to be larger than originally stated, additional review fees may be assessed prior to plan approval.
 - DSC Plan, Review Fee and Permit Requirement spreadsheet [Link to spreadsheet](#)
- Submittal package completeness check is 5 days (State allows 15 days for Stormwater Plans). Incomplete submittals will not be accepted for review.
- Submittal checklists are being revised and notification will be sent when they are posted on the DSC Website and ready for use.

These changes become effective July 1, 2014.

There is no Transition Period for these changes.

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