

DATE: November 27, 2017
TO: City Council
FROM: Planning Director KA
SUBJECT: Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance Amendment



STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Revise definition for “final stabilization” to match current National Pollution Discharge and Elimination System Permit (NPDES).

ISSUE

The city is obligated to maintain our ordinances as least as stringent as the state general NPDES permit for Stormwater discharges from construction activities. In order to be in compliance with EPD staff has revised the definition for **Final Stabilization** as follows;

- Final Stabilization:** All soil disturbing activities at the site have been completed, and that for unpaved areas and areas not covered by permanent structures and areas located outside the waste disposal limits of a landfill cell that has been certified by EPD for waste disposal, 100% of the soil surface is uniformly covered in permanent vegetation with a density of 70% or greater, or landscaped according to the Plan (uniformly covered with landscaping materials in planned landscape areas) or equivalent permanent stabilization measures as defined in the Manual (excluding a crop of annual vegetation and seeding of target crop perennials appropriate for the region). ~~or equivalent permanent stabilization measures (such as the use of rip rap, gabions, permanent mulches or geotextiles) have been used. Permanent vegetation shall consist of: planted trees, shrubs, perennial vines; a crop of perennial vegetation appropriate for the time of year and region; or a crop of annual vegetation and a seeding of target crop perennials appropriate for the region. Final stabilization applies to each phase of construction.~~ Final stabilization applies to each phase of construction.