

PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

<p>AGENDA TITLE: Study session on amendments to the Development Code DEPARTMENT: Planning and Development Services PRESENTED BY: Jeff Forry, Permit Services Manager</p>

BACKGROUND

The City's current storm water management program consists of a combination of programs and requirements from King County, including King County Code (KCC) Title 9 and the Phase I National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Stormwater Permit that were in place prior to incorporation. Since incorporation in August 1995, the City's storm water management program has been modified piecemeal to address new requirements. At this time, the regulatory language supporting the City's storm water management program is located in Chapter 13.10 and Chapter 20 of the Shoreline Municipal Code (SMC). The City's Engineering Development Guide and the 1998 King County Surface Water Design Manual also contain elements of the storm water management program.

In July 2005, prior to the Department of Ecology (Ecology) finalizing the current Western Washington NPDES Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit (for small cities), the City adopted its first Surface Water Master Plan (SWM Plan). The City received its NPDES Phase II Permit from Ecology on January 17, 2007 and has five years to achieve compliance according to the milestone dates and annual reporting requirements. The City's SWM Plan anticipated many of the permit's requirements, which include a recommendation to update the City's storm water management program.

In order to consolidate the surface water management program, revisions to two chapters of the SMC – Chapter 13.10 and Chapter 20, various administrative procedures, and technical manuals are necessary. The specific amendments that affect the Planning Commission are revisions to Chapter 20 of the SMC. The amendments include revising definitions, removing the surface water management technical criteria that are to be included a new surface water design manual, and refining the adequacy of public facilities provisions.

Additional work plan items that do not directly affect the Commission, but are enumerated for clarity include:

- A new Surface Water Management Code to replace chapter 13.10 SMC. The code will adopt a surface water technical manual, include the necessary "legal authorities" now found in KCC Title 9, and implement and enhance

- new and current programs required by the Phase II Municipal Stormwater permit,
- Technical criteria and procedures to support new Code,
 - Addendum to the adopted storm water technical manual so that it does not conflict with the Shoreline Development Code, appropriately identifies city departmental authorities, and maps for implementation, and
 - Maps to complement the adopted manual that show erosion, critical areas, flow control, water quality, and infiltration located in Shoreline

This is the first time the Commission has been asked to consider these particular revisions; staff will present the changes and supporting rationale at the study session for Commission review and comment. It is anticipated that the Commission could conduct a public hearing on the amendments in November, 2008.

The proposed modifications are attached in legislative format (with underlining and strikeouts). In most cases, staff has included a written summary of the background and thinking that preceded the requested changes.

Jeff Forry, Planning and Development Services will attend the study session to respond to your comments. If you have questions before then, please contact Jeff by phone at 206.801.2521 or by email jforry@ci.shoreline.wa.us prior to the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

- A: Proposed Development Code revisions
- B: Code section matrix
- C: Overview of Title 13 amendments