

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL  
STUDY SESSION**

June 1, 2010

**Mayor**

John Marchione

**Members of the Council**

Richard Cole, Council President  
Pat Vache, Council Vice-president  
Kim Allen  
David Carson  
Hank Margeson  
Hank Myers  
John Stilin

**Staff**

Jon Spangler, Engineering Manager, Natural Resources  
Jeralyn Roetemeyer, Engineering Supervisor, Natural Resources  
Andrew Rheume, Senior Planner, Natural Resources  
Elizabeth M. Adkisson, Deputy City Clerk

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**MEETING SUMMARY**

Convened: 9:13 p.m.

Adjourned: 9:49 p.m.

Council President Richard Cole opened the meeting and overviewed the agenda for the evening.

**Revision of RMC 15.24 – Clearing, Grading and Stormwater Management**

Mr. Jon Spangler, Engineering Manager, Natural Resources, introduced staff working on this project - Jeralyn Roetemeyer, Engineering Supervisor, and Andrew Rheume, Senior Planner, and reported on the proposed updates to the Clearing, Grading, and Stormwater Management Code – RMC 15.24:

What is RMC 15.24?

- 15.24 established the clearing, grading, and stormwater management requirements for development and redevelopment;

Why propose to update RMC 15.24?

- to meet requirements of the City’s Stormwater Permit (NPDES);
- to be compatible and consistent with other programs and practices;
- to clean up references, terms, and add clarification;

What is NPDES?

- **National Pollution Discharge Elimination System:**
  - covers all counties and cities with populations over 10,000;
  - managed by the Department of Ecology (“Ecology”) in Washington State;
  - sets minimum requirements for stormwater management (schedule and deadlines);
  - annual reporting on compliance;

Why update code (RMC 15.24) now?

- the NPDES permit required code updates by February 2010;

- Redmond submitted an extension request to Ecology to complete updates by mid-June 2010; the additional time was requested to provide for expanded internal review;

What changes are proposed?

- To meet NPDES:
  - Definitions;
  - Thresholds – when requirements are triggered;
  - water quantity controls requirements – reduce volume;
  - water quality control requirement – control sources;
  - adjustments and variances;
  - Maintenance Manual requirements;

What is the potential impact?

- Definitions and Thresholds – no real impact;
- water quantity control requirements:
  - Low Impact Development (LID);
  - runoff reduction (infiltration);
- water quality control requirements:
  - structural source controls;
  - non-structural source controls;
- adjustments and variances;
- Maintenance Manual requirements;

What other changes are proposed?

- to improve compatibility and consistency:
  - imported fill material – must be clean;
  - ties to regional stormwater – some on-site controls;
  - no limit on cuts and fills in building footprint;
  - no significant impacts;
- to clean up references/add clarification:
  - stormwater – one word;
  - Ecology manual reference;
  - Hierarchy of guidance;
  - no significant impacts;

What is next?

- answer any council questions; and
- with Council concurrence tonight, place the ordinance update on the June 15, 2010, council consent agenda for consideration and approval.

Councilmember questions addressed:

- classification of ‘impervious surface’ – staff indicated the changes do not impact the definition;
- the Maintenance Manual: how filed, who creates and maintains the manual, and if the manual is ‘registered’ to the property by documentation/filing with the state or if the manual could be noted on a deed – staff stated that the manual will be created and maintained by the owner and on file with the City; no current standards for documentation/filing with the Washington State Records Office are in place; however, the City could create standards;

- the monitoring of mop water being dumped into storm drains – staff indicated this is addressed in the guidelines;
- fill material: practice of other jurisdictions; how certified ‘clean’/cost of “clean’ fill, would like to see data on impact of requiring ‘clean’ fill; if an owner can move fill from one area on property to another; and if there is a suitability factor – staff indicated that for imported fill – ‘clean’ certification is required; must come from a certified ‘clean’ site or be tested; costs are variable; practice is consistent across other jurisdictions; owners can move fill around on their property (not considered imported); and a private contractor would be responsible for the suitability in private construction, all City projects follow the guidelines for fill materials and structure requirements;
- whether or not the public has been made aware of these changes – staff indicates that Ecology worked with the public to set these standards; the City of Redmond has done no specific outreach; and these are required standards for all cities above a population of 10,000 to adopt.

Mr. Spangler indicated that Ecology is requiring all cities to adopt these changes; however, the City could choose not to adopt. This may result in loss of grant funding and liability in third party lawsuits. Mr. Spangler reiterated this will come before Council for approval at the regular meeting on Tuesday, June 15, 2010; additional information will be presented in the packet for this agenda.

### **Council Talk Time**

Council President Richard Cole and Vice President Pat Vache initiated a conversation regarding review of Council salaries; stating the last adjustment was made in 2004, and queried whether the Councilmembers are interested in looking into this matter in 2010. Data would be gathered and presented regarding local jurisdictions salary and benefits.

General discussion ensued regarding the last adjustments in 2004 (Council) and 2005 (Mayor); history of the adjustments (frequency); and implementation of salary commission to review and set salaries.

Councilmembers agreed to have data prepared and presented to the full Council (study session); and asked for the following data:

- frequency/data of past reviews;
- data on medical insurance – what is currently offered, what other local jurisdictions do, and the possibility of a fixed amount; and
- review of the mechanisms of the salary commission (data and process).