

RESOLUTION TO REVISE THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 63) FOR THE PURPOSE OF MANAGING RUNOFF FROM SINGLE-FAMILY AND TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

Whereas, the City of Ann Arbor is committed to reducing the negative impacts of stormwater runoff by reducing impervious surface area and retaining greater amounts of stormwater on the sites where originated;

Whereas, the City of Ann Arbor is committed to improving stormwater management as is required by the City's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit;

Whereas, approximately 40% of the entire land area in the City of Ann Arbor is zoned for single-family and two-family uses, and stormwater management is largely unregulated throughout this area.

Whereas, on August 20, 2007 City Council approved a resolution regarding the Malletts Creek Association's April 2007 Watershed Recommendations (R-393-8-07), and charged the Malletts Creek Coordinating Committee with prioritizing and implementing the Malletts Creek Association's April 2007 Watershed Recommendations;

Whereas, on June 2, 2008 the Malletts Creek Coordinating Committee communicated its priorities to City Council in the form of a revised Malletts Creek Restoration Activity Schedule spreadsheet, with one of the top priorities being regulation for stormwater management for new impervious surfaces added to single-family and two-family properties;

Whereas, the Malletts Creek Coordinating Committee has been working with City staff and the Water Committee of the Environmental commission to draft revisions to the Stormwater and Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance – Chapter 63;

Whereas, the proposed changes to the Stormwater and Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance are summarized as follows:

- Require control of the "first flush" (first half inch of runoff) from new impervious surface installed on single-family and two-family residential properties;
- The regulation would apply only to the net increase in impervious area;
- Projects that result in a net increase in impervious area less than 200 square feet would be exempt from the requirement;
- A worksheet has been developed to assist with the design of the best management practices that could be utilized to provide the required stormwater management;

- Other minor edits are included in the revision to recognize the Washtenaw County Drain Commissioner name change to the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner and update the resource list for best management practices;

Whereas, implementing the proposed changes to Chapter 63 regarding stormwater management on single-family and two-family residential property will improve water quality and may reduce minor drainage issues.

RESOLVED, the City of Ann Arbor Environmental Commission recommends that Ann Arbor City Council approve the proposed revisions to the Stormwater and Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance (Chapter 63).

Submitted by: The Water Committee of the Environmental Commission
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