

Legislation Text

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Amend Chapter 18 Article III - Stormwater Pollution Control Ordinance

Action:

Approve amendments to the Stormwater Pollution Control Ordinance.

Staff Resource(s):

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Explanation

- The Stormwater Pollution Control Ordinance (Ordinance) prohibits the illegal discharge of pollutants to the municipal stormwater system and surface waters and allows for enforcement against those who violate the Ordinance. The Ordinance was last revised in 2008.
- The proposed revisions will increase the city's ability to protect surface water quality and improve the clarity of the Ordinance.
- Major changes to this ordinance include a prohibition on certain pavement sealants containing high amounts of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) known to be harmful to surface water quality and aquatic life, an increase in the maximum fine for illegal discharge of pollutants from \$5,000 to \$10,000, and other enforcement provisions.
- The city has communicated and met with businesses that use, sell, and distribute high PAH sealants and has confirmed that low PAH sealants, which are safer for the environment, are widely available at comparable cost. No detrimental economic impacts are expected from this revision.
- The proposed revisions were sent for review and comment to 17 local and statewide trade organizations and 163 industrial facilities.
- The proposed revisions were presented to the Storm Water Advisory Committee, which endorsed the proposed amended language.
- On March 2, 2020, City Council was provided with an overview of proposed revisions at the City Council Strategy Session.
- On May 11, 2020, a public hearing was conducted on the proposed revisions to the Ordinance at the virtual City Council Business Meeting. There were no comments from the public.
- The amended language will be effective as of July 1, 2020, with the exception of Section 18-80(f) "Use of High PAH Pavement Products Prohibited", which shall become effective as of January 1, 2021.

Attachment(s)

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 18 Article III - Stormwater Pollution Control Ordinance - Blacklined