



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Regulatory Services

Date: 4/2/10

To: Council member Glidden, Chair of Regulatory Services, Energy & Environment Committee

Subject: Ordinance Amending Title 3, Chapter 52 to include drainage standards.

Recommendation:

- Amend City of Minneapolis Code of Ordinance Title 3 Chapter 52 to include drainage standards and consistent enforcement language.

Previous Directives:

Department Information

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Reviews *NA*

Financial Impact *X No financial impact*

Community Impact

City Goals-This ordinance contributes to The City of Minneapolis's *Goals of an Enriched Environment and A Safe Place to Call Home*

Supporting Information-

Attached

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Background Supporting Information

Poor drainage on one property can sometimes result in problems for adjacent property owners, including unsafe conditions (ice, flooding), property damage, and poor water quality. The current complaint response is scattered across department lines with no clear delineation of authority resulting in inconsistent or inadequate enforcement.

To address this issue, Environmental Services proposes the following amendments to Chapter 52, Erosion and Sediment Control:

- Establishing clear drainage standards for construction activity and grading, snow melt from snow storage, sump pumps and downspouts
- Granting enforcement authority to the Department of Regulatory Services which will receive, respond to and triage complaints to improve customer response and provide enforceable solutions
- Creating violation penalties consistent with Regulatory Services processes and procedures including administrative citations, assessments, license revocation and stop work orders

The proposed amendments will address the adverse impacts of drainage and centralize accountability for enforcement within Regulatory Services.