



# City of Oregon City

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## Staff Report

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**Status:** Public Hearing

**To:** City Commission

**Agenda #:** 6b.

**From:** Community Development Director Laura Terway

**File Type:** Planning Item

### **SUBJECT:**

First Reading of Ordinance No. 19-1015, Adopting Public Works Stormwater and Grading Design Standards (GLUA 19-00002: LEG 19-00005)

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION (Motion):**

Approval of the 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 19-1015, Updating the Oregon City Stormwater and Grading Design Standards (GLUA 19-00002: LEG 19-00005).

### **BACKGROUND:**

Stormwater management is a key element in maintaining and enhancing livability within the City of Oregon City (City). There is a direct link between stormwater runoff and the City's surface and groundwater quality and quantity. As land is developed, creation of new impervious surfaces and loss of vegetation increases stormwater runoff during rainfall events, altering the natural hydrologic cycle. Without stormwater management, the increase in flows erodes stream channels and limits groundwater recharge. In addition, runoff that flows over roadways, parking areas, rooftops, and other impervious surfaces collects pollutants that are transported within the watershed to streams, rivers, and groundwater resources. Properly managing stormwater is vital to protecting our water resources for a great number of uses, including fish and wildlife habitat, recreation, and drinking water.

The City of Oregon City is seeking to amend its 2015 Stormwater and Grading Design Standards (Design Standards). The Design Standards prescribe standards for the planning and design stormwater conveyance and management systems. As required by City Code, the Design Standards apply to the development of all public and private projects throughout the City.

The Planning Commission voted 6-0 to recommend approval and forward GLUA 19-00002: LEG 19-00001 & LEG 19-00005.