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Staff Report

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From: Public Works Director John Lewis

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SUBJECT:

Introduction of Ordinance No. 15-1006, Adopting Amendments to Oregon City Municipal Code Chapter 13.12, Stormwater Management

RECOMMENDED ACTION (Motion):

Staff recommends the City Commission approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 15-1006, adopting amendments to the Oregon City Municipal Code Chapter 13.12, Stormwater Management.

BACKGROUND:

The City is required to revise and update its stormwater management program in order to comply with the permit requirements under the City's National Pollution Discharge Elimination Systems Permit (NPDES) from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This ordinance amends OCMC Section 13.12, Stormwater Management to correspond with the revised Public Works Stormwater and Grading Design Standards and Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control Planning Manual, which are being adopted through a separate resolution.

The purpose of OCMC Chapter 13.12 is to define policies, minimum requirements, minimum standards and design procedures and permits for the construction and maintenance of stormwater conveyance and quantity and quality control facilities. It accomplishes this by:

- Minimizing increased stormwater runoff rates from new development so as to minimize the impact upon any downstream natural channel that may exist between the subject area and the Willamette or Clackamas Rivers;
- Preventing water runoff generated by development from exceeding the capacity of downstream stormwater facilities;
- Reducing stormwater runoff rates and volumes, soil erosion and pollution, wherever possible, from developed and developing lands;
- Preventing the uncontrolled or irresponsible discharge of stormwater from new development onto adjoining public or private property;
- Maintaining the integrity of stream channels for their biological functions, as well as for drainage and other purpose.

This chapter is being amended in order to correspond with changes being made within the Public Works Departments key stormwater management documents including the Public Works Stormwater and Grading Design Standards and Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control Planning Manual.