

ORDINANCE 3265

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 13, CHAPTER 24, SECTIONS 080 AND 090, AND TITLE 17, CHAPTER 48, SECTION 010, AND TITLE 17, CHAPTER 52, SECTION 010 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS (OCCGF) PERTAINING TO THE REVISED STORM DRAINAGE DESIGN MANUAL

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WHEREAS, the OCCGF was established to promote public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, changes in permitting and regulations occurred since implementation of the City of Great Falls Storm Drainage Design Manual, June 1990; and

WHEREAS, the Storm Drainage Design Manual applies to new and redevelopment of residential, commercial and industrial facilities that discharge stormwater to the City’s storm drain infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Storm Drainage Design Manual is developed to assist development in understanding and meeting the City’s storm drain requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City solicited feedback from the development community through a written public comment period from February 12 through March 1, 2024, as well as an open house on February 21, 2024. City staff did revise the SDDM to incorporate suggestions and minor corrections where practical.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA:

- Section 1. That Title 13, Chapter 24, Sections 080 and 090 of the OCCGF are hereby amended as depicted in Exhibit “A” attached hereto, which removes any language indicated by a strike-out and adds language which is bolded.
- Section 2. That Title 17, Chapter 48, Section 010 and Title 17, Chapter 52, Section 010 of the OCCGF are hereby amended as depicted in Exhibit “B” attached hereto, which removes any language indicated by a strike-out and adds language which is bolded.
- Section 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after second reading and final adoption by the City Commission.

APPROVED by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana on first reading March 19, 2024.

ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana on second reading April 2, 2024.

Cory Reeves, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

(Seal of the City)

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

David Dennis, City Attorney

State of Montana
County of Cascade
City of Great Falls

I, Lisa Kunz, City Clerk of the City of Great Falls, Montana, do certify that I did post as required by law and as prescribed and directed by the City Commission, Ordinance 3265 on the Great Falls Civic Center posting board and the Great Falls City website.

Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

(CITY SEAL)

13.24.080 Submission of a drainage plan.

- A. All developers applying for any of the following permits and/or approvals shall submit for approval a drainage plan prepared by a professional engineer with their application and/or request **when the plan of development, common plan of development, or phased plan of development results in fifteen thousand (15,000) or more square feet of impervious development coverage or more than one acre of disturbance within the planning area, or where development is in a critical area as determined by the City Engineer:**
1. Major subdivision plat approval;
 2. Minor subdivision plat approval;
 3. Zone change applications to accommodate multi-family, business or industrial use;
 4. Conditional use permits;
 5. Building permits ~~where the permit relates to fifteen thousand (15,000) or more square feet of development coverage within the property, or where development is in a critical area as determined by the City Engineer;~~
 6. Planned (Unit) Development (PUD).
 7. **New pavement or concrete parking lots and existing parking lot work which results in a negative change in the storm drainage pattern as determined by the City Engineer or designee.**
- B. Commencement of construction work under any of the above permits or applications shall not begin until such time as final approval of the drainage plan is obtained in accordance with the ordinance codified in this chapter.
- C. The same plan submitted during one (1) permit/approval process may be subsequently submitted with further required applications. The plan shall be supplemented with such additional information as may be requested by the Director of Public Works.
- D. The plan requirement established in this section will apply except when the developer demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works and/or Planning Advisory Board that the proposed activity or development:
1. Will neither seriously nor adversely impact the water quality conditions of any affected receiving bodies of water; and
 2. Will not alter the surface discharge location, alter the drainage pattern on adjoining properties, alter drainage patterns, increase the discharge, nor cause any other adverse effects in the drainage; and
 3. Will not alter the subsurface drainage patterns, flow rates, and discharge points, nor result in any significant adverse effects to property or residents.

(Ord. 3265, 2024; Ord. 3057, 2010; Ord. 2645, 1993; Ord. 2529(part), 1989, ~~§13.24.080~~).

~~(Ord. No. 3057, § 1, 8-17-2010)~~

13.24.090 Contents of a drainage plan.

Drainage plans shall be prepared in accordance with the City of Great Falls Storm ~~d~~Drainage Design Criteria Manual, **most recent edition**, ~~—1990~~ and shall be consistent with the criteria set forth in this chapter.

(Ord. 3265, 2024; Ord. 2645, 1993; Ord. 2529(part), 1989, ~~§13.24.090~~).

17.48.010 Authority.

The provisions contained in this chapter are adopted to comply with the requirements contained in the General Permit for Storm Water Discharge Associated with Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) issued by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality to the City of Great Falls, most recent edition, and the City of Great Falls Storm Drainage Design Manual, ~~June 1990, as amended~~ **most recent edition.**

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