

8.000 Ordinances and Plans

8.010 General

This section addresses models and draft ordinances related to stormwater management. A comparison of the existing ordinances is discussed in Chapter 2 of this report.

8.020 Required Performance

1. Drafting of stormwater ordinance(s), if needed.
2. Presentation of ordinance(s), if needed, to the City Council for adoption.
3. Brief update of stormwater plan.

8.030 Stormwater Ordinances

With the expected approval and issuance of a NPDES Phase II permit, the City of Tumwater will need to examine and revise current ordinances to bring the City into compliance. Also, the Washington Department of Ecology has recently issued a revised drainage manual (*Stormwater Management Manual of Western Washington*, August 2001). Ecology expects jurisdictions to accept the manual or an approved equivalent by March of 2003.

The City is evaluating required changes to the municipal code and will present new ordinances to Council for adoption, as required, in a timely manner, based on regulatory requirements, experience gleaned during the grant, and Council direction following completion of this report.

The City is evaluating present and new ordinances with consideration of the following topics:

- A revised definition of impervious surfaces,
- Establishment and enforcement of private facility maintenance requirements,
- Development of a model maintenance agreement for private facilities, and,
- Adoption of the recently issued DOE drainage manual, or an approved equivalent,

8.040 Ordinance Presentation and Adoption

At this time, no new ordinances have been presented to the City Council for adoption. Model ordinances on such topics as private maintenance requirements and bonding issues have been researched.

8.050 Updating of Stormwater Plan

The City continues to update the stormwater plan on a regular basis. This grant-funded program and report have implemented Utility programs and CFP items that will be continued and funded through the next several years; and in many respects, fulfill the role of a stormwater plan update. This report is designed to be a “living” document, which will change with the introduction of new stormwater best management practices, water quality standards, and federal and state requirements. Over the next couple of years, the City will assess stormwater rates to determine if the current funding is adequate to continue the program as it is designed. Although there is no specific legislation or regulation that requires the City to prepare and adopt a Comprehensive Stormwater Plan, compliance with the 2000 Puget Sound Water Quality Management Plan and EPA’s NPDES Phase II permit will be much easier with this plan in place.

The City should also consider the following:

- Develop and adopt a Comprehensive Stormwater Plan to guide the stormwater utility through future years. Using this document as interim guidance and as the basin for program development and guidance, the City should adopt a Comprehensive Plan addressing basin planning, O&M, CFP development, and stormwater fees.
- Continue and refine City sub-basin assessments to determine areas of concern and priorities for future projects.
- Purchase of another Hansen™ license for a new O&M Collections FTE to improve utility management.
- Expand the City’s Geographical Information Systems to incorporate stormwater information.
- Update of the City’s web page to reflect the most current information regarding stormwater management, BMP’s, educational efforts, volunteer and other action opportunities, and pollutant-reducing tips.