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**Re: Homebuilder Stormwater Guidelines**

Please be advised as of January 1, 2015, the City of White House has implemented Ordinance 14-28, Title 20, entitled Stormwater. The purpose of this chapter is to enable the City to comply with the TDEC's NPDES General Construction Permit. The administrating entity for this program has been assigned to the Public Services Director (PSD). You can find this document under the Your Government/Stormwater tab on the City's website [www.cityofwhitehouse.com](http://www.cityofwhitehouse.com).

Construction activities within the City that must have TDEC Construction General Permit coverage are:

- A. Land disturbing activities affecting one (1) or more acres, which includes borrow/waste areas, stockpile areas and construction support activities;
- B. Less than one (1) acre if:
  - a. part of a larger common plan of development;
  - b. Activity causes WQ (water quality) issues.

All operators must have coverage. Primary operators are developers/owner with operational and/or design control. Secondary operators are contractors and builders.

***If you do not*** have a current Notice of Intent (NOI), a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), and a Notice of Coverage (NOC) **you must** contact TDEC and submit the required documents in order to continue construction activities. You are required to provide the PSD with a copy for review and approval.

***If you do have*** an existing site **please note** that **all pre-2011 SWPPP's** must be modified as necessary to meet current permit requirements.

You have **30 days** from receipt of this notice to provide the City with the TDEC approved **SWPPP** for your development.

**Failure to meet this requirement will result in a stop work order, and all construction activities within the development will cease and desist until such time that an approved TDEC SWPPP is provided to the City.**

Please be further advised that upon receipt of this letter, the developer/contractor shall complete the following within the development:

1. Stabilize construction areas by installing proper erosion & sediment control measures;
2. Clean the sediment that has been: **a.)** tracked onto adjacent streets, **b.)** degraded stream outfalls, **c.)** clean area storm drains, and, **d.)** cover storm drains with filter fabric.

**Adjacent lots, parcels, tracts, parks, streets or any other feature shall not be adversely affected by sediment.**

In the event that the development is adjacent to a stream, buffers are required as follows:

1. Impaired/ETW's: 60 feet (30 ft. minimum);
2. Unimpaired stream: 30 feet (15 ft. minimum).

The PDS will inspect the current construction sites within **48 hours** of receipt of this notice. Failure to address the above stated issues shall constitute a violation of the Stormwater ordinance and the City shall take the following action:

1. The City will issue a Stop Work order for the development until such time that the developer/contractor cleans up the construction areas, and/or;
2. The City will clean the streets and storm drains, and the developer/contractor will be charged accordingly;

**New home builders/contractors** shall be required to complete and sign the **Homebuilder Stormwater Guidelines** and the **Stormwater Grading Permit** forms at the City of White House's Public Service office prior to the City of White House Planning & Codes Department issuing a building permit for new home construction.

**By signing the Homebuilder Stormwater Guidelines form, the builder/applicant agrees to comply with the responsibilities and requirements described therein.**

Prior to approval, **the home builder/applicant** shall:

- a. Provide the City of White House with a copy of TDEC's NOC, if one has not been attained by the City previously;
- b. Obtain a copy of the approved subdivision Grading and Drainage Plan and install all erosion & sediment control devices prior to any grading, clearing and/or any other construction activity on the building site.

It is the responsibility of the **builder/applicant** to grade each lot according to the Grading and Drainage Plan and to construct the necessary swales to provide proper drainage. Furthermore, it is the responsibility of the **builder/applicant** to take into consideration adjacent topography when grading a lot, to ensure proper drainage around the building and across the lot. All grading work performed by the **builder/applicant** shall be done so that proper drainage is established and can be maintained by future owners.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please call me at 672-3654.

Sincerely,

W. Joe Moss  
Director of Public Services

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