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Development Engineering Program
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

New Erosion Control Inspection Fees Start April 1, 2012

Effective April 1, 2012, new erosion control inspection fees approved by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) are required for development projects. These new fees are in addition to current development inspection fees.

Background

Clark County has a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit issued by the Washington State Department of Ecology. This permit requires inspection of both private and public construction projects for proper erosion control.

In the past, the county's Clean Water Program has funded erosion control inspections for private developments. In December 2011, the BOCC adopted budget revisions that eliminated Clean Water Program funding for this required work. In February 2012, the BOCC adopted a new development fee table for "NPDES Erosion Control Inspection Fees."

Applicable Projects

The new erosion control inspection fees apply to construction projects reviewed, permitted, and inspected by the county's Development Engineering Program that trigger Minimum Requirement (MR) #2 in the county's stormwater permit. MR #2 is the "Construction Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan."

Typical projects include grading permits, special drainage projects, and land use projects, such as site plans, short plats and subdivisions.

Existing Construction Projects

Projects with a Development Inspection permit (the county's "DIN" permit case type) active before April 1, 2012, are not required to pay the new inspection fees. For this purpose, an active DIN case means a fully complete DIN application has been submitted and all fees have been paid. Before a DIN is submitted, the project needs an approved final engineering plan (typically the county's "ENG" or "GRD" permit cases).

Fee Table

Erosion control fees are typically one-year inspection fees based on the land-disturbing area (as defined in the county's stormwater code Section 40.385.010(D)).

The adopted fee table is available at the following link: www.clark.wa.gov/publicworks/engineering/index.html

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