



Municipality of Anchorage



Policy AG.26

Interim Drainage Guidelines

The following guidelines shall be adhered to:

1. All foundation construction in subdivisions containing storm drains with footing drain stub-outs shall include footing drains that are connected to the storm drain system.
2. The installation of footing drains shall be required for buildings on infill lots where a storm drain connection or other suitable outfall is available unless the lot meets the criteria specified in section 4 (below).
3. For infill lots that do not conform to section 4 and do not have access to a suitable footing drain outfall, foundation construction shall conform to the criteria specified in section 5 (below).
4. Footing drains are not required on lots where observed soil types in the proposed foundation location and soil used for foundation backfill meet the frost classification criteria for class F2 or better as defined in the most current version of the Municipality of Anchorage Design Criteria Manual, Frost Design - Soil Classification table.
5. Slab on grade foundations or foundations with crawl spaces in which interior fill levels are higher than the adjacent street will not be required to have footing drains.
6. When footing drains are required for foundations constructed on lots with sufficient slope, the footing drain outfall may be day-lighted on property, provided that the discharge from the footing drain outfall does not result in glaciation and/or flooding of adjacent properties or rights of way.
7. Additions to homes that do not currently have footing drains are not required to have footing drains installed.

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