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at the request of the Mayor

Prepared by: Department of Law

For reading: August 18, 1998

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AO NO. 98-101(S)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 21 BY ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 21.67, STORMWATER DISCHARGE, TO PROVIDE FOR STORMWATER RESTRICTIONS AND SYSTEM PLAN REVIEW.

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

Section 1: That Anchorage Municipal Code Title 21 is hereby amended by enacting a new chapter to read as follows:

Chapter 21.67

STORMWATER DISCHARGE

21.67.010 Stormwater Runoff Restrictions and System Plan Review

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A. *Definitions.* As used in this Chapter:

Stormwater means surface water runoff originating from surface water, snowmelt, wash waters, street wash, subsurface drainage, or other drainage but excludes wastewater as defined in Title 15 of the Anchorage Municipal Code.

B. The Director of Public Works shall develop, implement, and maintain the Stormwater Treatment Plan Review Guidance Manual which will be used to develop, review, and approve stormwater runoff system plans for projects which discharge stormwater into or onto land, surface water, or groundwater within the Municipality. Anchorage Municipal Code Chapter 21.67 regulates stormwater discharge and shall be read in conjunction with other provisions of law, including but not limited to, Chapters 15.40, 15.50, 15.65, 21.85, and 23.15. Developments in subdivisions and on individual lots shall conform to other provisions of law.

- C. The Department of Public Works may, in its discretion, issue a project-wide approval to a person who plans to conduct an operation with the same runoff characteristics at various discharge locations. The Department of Public Works may, in its discretion, require the submission of site-specific plans, including a schedule and description of all planned discharge activities, for approval. The Department of Public Works may, in its discretion, restrict that approval to certain proposed discharge activities. In addition to the applicable approval fee required under subsection F. of this section, the applicant shall pay to the Department of Public Works the fee required under subsection F. of this section for each site-specific plan review. The applicant shall pay the fee at the time a site-specific plan is submitted to the Department of Public Works, or at the time of permit issuance.
- D. Any person who constructs, alters, installs, modifies, or operates a stormwater treatment or disposal system shall comply with the Stormwater Treatment Plan Review Guidance Manual established by the Director of Public Works regarding stormwater runoff system plan requirements and plan reviews, and if necessary, gather data to confirm stormwater conditions.
- E. If construction, alteration, installation, modification, or operation has not begun within two years after issuance of plan approval, the approval is void, and plans shall be resubmitted to the Department of Public Works for review and approval.
- F. Before the Department of Public Works may issue approval under this section, a person seeking the approval shall pay to the Department of Public Works at the time of application a fee to be set by regulation.
- G. If the applicant for approval under this section withdraws the application before approval is issued, or if the Department of Public Works denies the application, the unused balance of the fee, if any, shall be returned to the applicant. That portion of the fee used to review and process the application before it was withdrawn or denied shall be computed by the Department of Public Works. The computation shall be based upon a charge of \$65 per hour for staff time spent in reviewing and processing the application, plus any costs incurred by the Department of Public Works. A copy of the computation shall be provided to the applicant.

Section 2: That this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 18th day of August, 1998.

Fay Von Henningsen
Chair of the Assembly

ATTEST:

Lepore Ferguson
Municipal Clerk