

**MASS Updates**

DIV 75 - Landscaping Improvements

Comment	Response
75.00 INDEX: 1. Add sections Tree Protection Fence and Root Pruning to index. 2. Incorporate Div 70 sections: 70.08 Reset Fence, 70.13 Bollards, 70.18 Chain Link Fence	Incorporated (3) sections (70.08, 70.13, 70.18) from Div 70. Reorganized index, body, and details, including new sections
75.01 GENERAL If I might make the suggestion, all the he/his/him's are a bit out of control. Flipping through Division 10 really makes one wonder how much of the MASS has been copied and pasted since the 80's rather than being kept current. I saw the "Working Titles" disclaimer, but I can't imagine it would take more than an hour or two to find-and-replace all the he/his/him's with they/their/them/"the Contractor"/whatever.	Adopted
75.01 GENERAL, 75.10 Bollards, 75.16 Reset Fence; 75.17 Chain Link Fence. Transfer (3) Sections + Details from Div 70 Miscellaneous: 70.08 Reset Fence, Section 70.13 Bollards, and Section 70.18 Chain Link Fence.	Added sections and details into Div 75.
75.02 LANDSCAPING (General) Any in-person discussion could relate to where we wish we had more control over the enforcement of project materials and installation quality. Either through tighter specification or ensuring that submittals and observation do their part. This relates somewhat to when MASS is used as the reference specification for our non-MOA projects...	Per Section 10.01 DEFINITIONS, "Engineer-The Engineer identified in the Notice to Proceed as being the authorized agent and/or representative of the Owner." Division 10 is also being updated.
75.03 PLANTING SOIL, 3.2 Materials. I didn't examine too closely, so I will lazily ask whether the challenge has been figured out for working with contractors and testing regarding mixes being specified/created using volume vs weight?	Upon consultation with MOA Materials, volume and weight designations remain useful for creating different soil mixes. Weight is how it is measured in a lab, and volume is how the contractor mixes it for a specific use. For these reasons, no changes were made.
75.04 SEEDING, 4.2.A. Materials, A. Seed. For grass mixes, it seems like every year there is different grass availability. I don't know if it's appropriate in MASS, but in our specs we note that the species/cultivars we list may not be available and that the contractor should submit availability for review.	To account for changing availability, seed schedules show a range of acceptable species. This replaces the annual memo posted on the MASS webpage. Added language that deviations shall be submitted for review and approval.

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<p>75.04 SEEDING, 4.2.A. Materials, A. Seed. After looking this over, it does need to be polished up a bit. [Refer to attachment] Let me know if you like the format – I think it’s cleaner. Hopefully it’ll help with the submittal process. Definitely would add “If species/cultivars listed are unavailable then the Contractor shall submit availability for review” – with plant material, nothing is guaranteed. I did have one remark – do you think it’s necessary to list the purity &amp; germination columns?</p>	<p>Revised seed schedule based on review. Added language that the deviations shall be submitted for review and approval. Removed purity/germ column because certification letter must ensure it.</p>
<p>75.10 BOLLARDS, 10.3C (Formerly 70.13, 13.3C). Update contact information for padlocks. Verify process.</p>	<p>Phone number remains current but added area code. Added email for Facilities Management Work Order Requests at FacilityMaintenanceWorkRequests@anchorageak.gov Removed supplier information and replaced 1st sentence to "Padlocks for removable bollards shall be American Padlock, 2-inch shackle that accepts the interchangeable or IC Best Core."</p>