

Legislation Text

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TO: Leonard Martin, City Manager

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Consider An **Ordinance Amending Title XVII, Chapter 173 Of The Carrollton Code Of Ordinances Regarding Stormwater Pollution Prevention.**

BACKGROUND:

At the June 23, 2015 City Council worksession, staff briefed the Council on the regulatory approach in the current stormwater permit issued to the city. That briefing referred to coming revisions for the Stormwater Pollution Prevention ordinance. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has now provided guidance on additional regulations, some of which require updating the city ordinance. This item presents amendments to Title XVII, Chapter 173 to incorporate those changes.

Key provisions of the proposed amendments:

- clarifying the prohibition on discharges to include areas that may reach the storm sewer system;
- specifically prohibiting paint waste discharge and improper hazardous waste storage;
- restricting discharges from commercial cosmetic cleaning and providing for proper disposal;
- requiring removal of temporary control measures, such as silt fences, after they are no longer needed;
- providing for long-term maintenance of post-construction runoff control mechanisms, such as detention and retention basins;
- clarifying reporting requirements for hazardous materials spills.

The proposed amendments also clean up some older language and enhance enforceability.

IMPACT ON COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY:

The Stormwater Pollution Prevention Ordinance strengthens the city's goal of a sustainable community. By requiring citizens, businesses, construction companies, and city operations to control stormwater pollution, it not only results in more pristine water bodies, but also preserves the city's storm system infrastructure, prevents flooding and helps maintain a healthy aquatic habitat.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION/ACTION DESIRED:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached ordinance amending Title XVII, Chapter 173, Stormwater Pollution Prevention.