



July 1, 2022

Greg Bengé, Municipal Stormwater Permit Planner  
Washington State Department of Ecology – VFO  
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Dear Mr. Bengé:

**SUBJECT: G20. Non-compliance Notification for Failure to Meet S5.C6.(a) & (b) Amend Ordinance to be Functionally Equivalent to Appendix 1 and Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington**

In accordance with General Condition G20 (*non-compliance notification*) of the City's Western Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater permit, this letter serves to notify the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) that a known failure to comply with the permit terms and conditions has occurred. The City missed the June 30, 2022 deadline to amend any enforceable documents, including codes, ordinances, director's rules, public rules and/or manuals, to be functionally equivalent to Appendix 1 and the required portions of Ecology's 2019 Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington (S5.C.6).

Staff representing all aspects of the City's Stormwater Utility have been working diligently during the last year to complete a thorough technical review of the City's Drainage Design and Erosion Control Manual (DDECM). The document is now ready for public review and is expected to be scheduled for approval and adoption by City council in the third quarter of 2022. The City is taking the following steps to attain compliance with the municipal stormwater permit:

- DDECM Stakeholder and Public Review Period – July 2022
- Utility Advisory Committee Final Review and Recommendation – August 2022
- Council Review and Approval – September 2022
- Effective Date – October 2022

The City recognizes the failure to update the DDECM to be consistent with the 2019 Stormwater Manual for Western Washington in a timely way. This delay was the result of a desire to ensure the DDECM is consistent with specific local needs, circumstances and conditions.

For questions or further information, please contact me at (360) 570-3741 [echriste@ci.olympia.wa.us](mailto:echriste@ci.olympia.wa.us) or Jeremy Graham - NPDES Coordinator at (360) 753-8097 [jgraham@ci.olympia.wa.us](mailto:jgraham@ci.olympia.wa.us).

Sincerely,

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