



## Planning Commission

### Low Impact Development (LID) Stormwater Code Revisions - Briefing

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#### **Title**

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#### **Recommended Action**

None; receive briefing

#### **Report**

##### **Issue:**

Staff will provide a briefing of draft LID code revisions in preparation for Planning Commission's public hearing on February 1, 2016.

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#### **Background and Analysis:**

During early 2016 (January - March), Planning Commission will review and discuss proposed low impact development stormwater updates to Olympia's development codes. Specifically this includes the Drainage Design and Erosion Control Manual for Olympia (DDECM), and portions of the Engineering Design and Development Standards (EDDS) and Olympia Municipal Code (OMC). Planning Commission will review specific regulatory language, host a public hearing, and forward a recommendation to City Council in March 2016. City Council anticipates adopting LID code revisions in July 2016, six months prior to the State mandated deadline of December 31, 2016.

During fall 2015 (September - December), Olympia's Utility Advisory Committee (UAC) reviewed proposed LID technical and policy recommendations, specifically 22 issue papers ([olympiawa.gov/LIDcode](http://olympiawa.gov/LIDcode)). Attachment 2 is UAC's recommendation regarding the LID code update.

In order to help facilitate the Commission's review and understanding of the draft code amendments,

staff has prepared margin notes for the proposed OMC changes (Attachment 3), and tables outlining the proposed changes to the DDECM and EDDS (Attachments 4 and 5).

Additionally, Attachment 6 provides an overview of staff and UAC's recommendations.

#### Next Steps

Six Planning Commission meetings between January and March are reserved for the Commission's review and recommendation on low impact development code revisions. Below is the remaining schedule.

- January 25: Briefing
- February 1: Public hearing
- February 22: Deliberation
- March 7: Deliberation
- March 21: Conclude deliberation and make recommendation to Council

#### **Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):**

The LID code revisions build upon neighborhood, development and community interests in environmental protection and sustainable development. The outcomes will help guide development practices in Olympia for years to come.

#### **Options:**

Not applicable; briefing only.

#### **Financial Impact:**

Public Works and Community Planning and Development are providing the in-house planning and technical resources for the project. Additionally, the Storm and Surface Water Utility funded outside consultant support.

#### **Attachments:**

- 1) Hyperlink [www.olympiawa.gov/LIDcode](http://www.olympiawa.gov/LIDcode) <<http://www.olympiawa.gov/LIDcode>>
- 2) Utility Advisory Committee's recommendation letter to Planning Commission
- 3) Proposed OMC amendments with margin notes
- 4) Table of Changes 2009 to 2016 City of Olympia Drainage Design and Erosion Control Manual
- 5) Summary Table of Proposed LID-related Changes to the EDDS
- 6) LID Recommendations Table