

July 30, 1992

TO: All Holders of the City of Salem Design Standards

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1992

SUBJECT: **DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN #2**

The following information is distributed as a public service to the Salem development community of contractors, builders, and developers to make them aware of any changes in the City permit and plan approval process which may have an impact on their operations:

NEW NPDES STORM WATER REGULATIONS:

NPDES stands for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. This is a Federal Environmental Protection Agency program administered by the Oregon State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

In its simplest form this program requires all development activity which will disturb five acres or more on a site to apply for and receive a permit from DEQ before any construction activity takes place. The focus is on pollution problems created during construction by disturbing the soil cover. One of the State requirements is submission of an erosion control plan for their approval. More details are available from DEQ and the City Permit Application Center (PAC) has application packages available for your use.

The City must also comply with the new rules, and one expression of that is in the issuance of City permits. We cannot issue any construction permits until we receive a copy of the DEQ permit and their letter approving your erosion control plan.

After July 1, 1992, the City will no longer accept plans for review without a copy of the DEQ permit attached and we will not issue any permits until we receive a copy of the DEQ erosion control plan approval letter. We are attempting to speed the process as much as we legally can by conducting our plan review simultaneously with the DEQ review of your erosion control plan. If DEQ stays on schedule, this overlap will save you at least thirty days in the review process.

For more information, please contact the City of Salem Permit Application Center at 588-6256.

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