

1 Sponsored by: Councilmembers Connie Ladenburg and Derek Young
2 Requested by: County Executive/Public Works Department
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6 **ORDINANCE NO. 2015-48s**

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10 **An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending Pierce County Code**
11 **Title 17A, "Construction and Infrastructure Regulations –**
12 **Site Development and Stormwater Drainage," and Title 17B,**
13 **"Construction and Infrastructure Regulations – Road and**
14 **Bridge Design and Construction Standards"; Repealing the**
15 **"Pierce County Stormwater Management and Site**
16 **Development Manual" Adopted Pursuant to Ordinance No.**
17 **2008-59s, as Amended; Adopting a New Manual Titled**
18 **"Pierce County Stormwater Management and Site**
19 **Development Manual"; Amending Pierce County Code**
20 **Chapter 2.05, "Planning and Land Services and Assessor-**
21 **Treasurer Development Review, Inspection and Application/**
22 **Processing Fees," and Chapter 18.25, "Definitions"; and**
23 **Setting an Effective Date.**
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25 **Whereas**, Pierce County is a Phase 1 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination
26 System (NPDES) permittee operating a municipal separate storm sewer system under a
27 permit (hereinafter referred to as the "Phase 1 MS4 General Permit") issued by the
28 Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) as directed by the Federal Clean
29 Water Act (CWA) and the State Water Pollution Control Law (Chapter 90.48 RCW); and
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31 **Whereas**, in accordance with schedules mandating periodic approval of Phase 1
32 MS4 General Permits, a new NPDES Permit for Pierce County was issued on August 1,
33 2012, with an effective date of August 1, 2013, and subsequently modified on
34 January 16, 2015, by Ecology; and
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36 **Whereas**, a requirement of the Phase 1 MS4 General Permit is that Pierce
37 County adopt a Stormwater Manual which has been determined by Ecology to be
38 equivalent to the Ecology "Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington"
39 for controlling the quantity and quality of stormwater runoff; and
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41 **Whereas**, the Pierce County Council recognizes that stormwater is an important
42 part of the hydrologic cycle and directly impacts streams, wetlands, lakes, creeks,
43 potholes, groundwater, the Puget Sound, and is a primary component responsible for
44 aquifer recharge; and
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1 **Whereas**, the Pierce County Council recognizes that appropriate controls for
2 stormwater are necessary to protect public and private property from the impacts of
3 runoff such as flooding, erosion, and sedimentation due to runoff from development,
4 redevelopment, and land disturbing activities; and

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6 **Whereas**, the adoption of an Ecology equivalent Stormwater Manual will add an
7 incremental level of complexity to the permit process, will require initial procedural
8 development, also additional staff time to review an application, and continued training
9 to assure that development activity is reviewed consistently and correctly; **Now**

10 **Therefore,**

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12 **BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of Pierce County:**

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14 Section 1. Title 17A of the Pierce County Code, "Construction and Infrastructure
15 Regulations – Site Development and Stormwater Drainage," is hereby amended as
16 shown in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

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18 Section 2. Title 17B of the Pierce County Code, "Construction and Infrastructure
19 Regulations – Road and Bridge Design and Construction Standards," is hereby
20 amended as shown in Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

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22 Section 3. The Pierce County Council hereby repeals updates "Pierce County
23 Stormwater Management and Site Development Manual" adopted pursuant to Ord.
24 2008-59s, as amended, and adopts a new manual titled "Pierce County Stormwater
25 Management and Site Development Manual", attached hereto as Exhibit C and
26 incorporated herein by reference.

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28 Section 4. Chapter 2.05 of the Pierce County Code, "Planning and Land
29 Services and Assessor-Treasurer Development Review, Inspection and Application/
30 Processing Fees," is hereby amended as shown in Exhibit D, which is attached hereto
31 and incorporated herein by reference.

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33 Section 5. Chapter 18.25 of the Pierce County Code, "Definitions," is hereby
34 amended as shown in Exhibit E, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by
35 reference.

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37 Section 6. The Pierce County Council hereby directs the Department of Public
38 Works and the Planning and Land Services Department to create procedural
39 development aides along with appropriate training to implement the new Manual.

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41 Section 7. The Council recognizes that formatting, numbering, and citation
42 modifications to Exhibit C may be necessary as a result of amendments made during
43 the legislative process. To this extent, the Clerk of the Council is hereby authorized to
44 modify Exhibit C prior to final printing so that any Council amendments are accurately
45 reflected throughout the document and formatting, numbering, and citations are
46 correctly shown. The Clerk of the Council is also authorized to correct spelling and
47 punctuation errors as necessary.



1 Section 8. This Ordinance shall become effective on December 5, 2015.

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4 PASSED this 28th day of October, 2015.

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6 ATTEST:

7 **PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL**
8 Pierce County, Washington

9 Denise D. Johnson
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11 **Denise D. Johnson**
12 Clerk of the Council

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15 **Dan Roach**
16 Council Chair

17 Pat McCarthy
18 **Pat McCarthy**
19 Pierce County Executive
20 Approved Vetoed , this
21 9 day of November,
22 2015.

23 Date of Publication of
24 Notice of Public Hearing: October 14, 2015

25 Effective Date of Ordinance: December 5, 2015
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