

**CITY of ALBUQUERQUE**  
**TWENTY-THIRD COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL BILL NO. O-18-2**

**ENACTMENT NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

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# 1 ORDINANCE

2 AMENDING CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE 5, PART 2, ROA 1994, THE DRAINAGE  
3 ORDINANCE, TO IMPLEMENT BEST PRACTICES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF  
4 NEW RUNOFF ASSOCIATED WITH LAND DEVELOPMENT.

5 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF  
6 ALBUQUERQUE:

7           **SECTION 1. Chapter 14, Article 5, Part 2, Section 3 “Statement of Purpose**  
8           **and Intent” is amended to add subsection ‘F’ as follows:**

9       “§ 14-5-2-3 STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND INTENT.

10 It is the purpose of §§ 14-5-2-1 et seq. to promote the public health, safety,  
11 and general welfare; to minimize public and private losses due to flooding;  
12 and where practicable, to ensure that runoff from certain storm events is  
13 mitigated to acceptable levels by provisions designed:

14 . . .

**15 [(F) As to stormwater quality to:**

16 **(1) Address construction and post-construction stormwater**  
17 **quality management within the limits of New Mexico water law and**  
18 **within flood control agency authorities and limitations.**

19                   **(2) Work cooperatively with the MRGCD, AMAFCA, and the**  
20                   **County of Bernalillo and other co-permittees, to best manage the**  
21                   **discharge of storm runoff into co-permittee facilities, maximize**  
22                   **efficient use of stormwater facilities, and minimize impact on**  
23                   **downstream water quality and storm drainage facilities.]”**

24       **SECTION 2.** Chapter 14, Article 5, Part 2, Section 4 “Definitions” is hereby  
25       amended to add or change the following definitions; new definitions are to be

1 inserted alphabetically with existing definitions (all other definitions to remain  
2 unless specifically repealed or amended herein):

3 “§ 14-5-2-4 DEFINITIONS.

4 [COOPERATOR / COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT means any arrangement,  
5 organization, or joint functioning of the co-permittees, or in combination with  
6 other governmental agencies, which works constructively with the City to  
7 address mutual stormwater issues. The cooperation, agreements and  
8 functionality will be formally documented through written agreement,  
9 contracts, joint planning documents, or ordinances.]

10 [80<sup>TH</sup> PERCENTILE STORM EVENT. The runoff from a precipitation event  
11 that is less than or equal to 80 percent of all rainfall events. The 80<sup>th</sup>  
12 Percentile storm event applies to projects where developed land is being  
13 redeveloped. The volume to be managed is stated in the Development Process  
14 Manual.]

15 *EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL.* Treatment measures for the  
16 prevention of damages due to soil movement and to deposition from the 2-  
17 year[, 24 hour] design storm runoff.

18 *EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PLAN.* A plan prepared by a licensed  
19 New Mexico Professional Engineer [or Certified Professional in Erosion and  
20 Sediment Control (CPESC)] submitted to ensure that minimum design  
21 standards are met to reduce potential pollutants that may result from  
22 demolition and construction activities.

23 ~~[*FIRST FLUSH.* The stormwater runoff during the early stages of a storm~~  
24 ~~equal to or less than runoff from a 90<sup>th</sup> Percentile Storm Event that can deliver~~  
25 ~~a potentially high concentration of pollutants due to the washing effect of~~  
26 ~~runoff from impervious areas directly connected to the storm drainage~~  
27 ~~system]~~

28 [GI/LID, Green Infrastructure (GI), Low Impact Development (LID) means  
29 any array of products, technologies, and practices that preserve or use natural  
30 systems, or engineered systems that mimic natural processes and systems, to  
31 enhance overall environmental quality and more specifically that provide  
32 treatment resulting in stormwater quality improvement, as specified in the  
33 DPM.]

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2 [MANAGED ON SITE means to control, direct, and treat the stormwater  
3 quality design volume on the property, or if from an area of common  
4 development, then at an alternate location designed for stormwater  
5 management or as otherwise approved by the City Engineer. The control and  
6 treatment will be for water quality and/or flood volume purposes prior to  
7 discharge of the stormwater to the City's MS4. Nothing in this definition shall  
8 be construed to require an action which is contrary to state law, or to any state  
9 agency guidance regarding flood control or surface water capture, or which  
10 requires acquisition or amendment of a water right to legally implement.]

11 90<sup>TH</sup> PERCENTILE STORM EVENT. The [runoff from a] precipitation event  
12 that is less than or equal to ninety percent of all rainfall events [in a calendar  
13 year based on available precipitation records for a region. For purposes of §§  
14 14-5-2-1 et seq., the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile storm event is 0.44 inches. The 90<sup>th</sup>  
15 percentile storm event applies to projects on previously undeveloped land.  
16 The volume to be managed is stated in the Development Process Manual].

17 [OFFSITE MITIGATION. Approved management of the stormwater quality  
18 volume or a portion of the stormwater quality volume at any approved offsite  
19 location. The offsite location may be an existing facility or the facility may be  
20 constructed or modified to manage the stormwater quality volume.

21 PAYMENT-IN-LIEU. A payment made to the City for Public stormwater  
22 quality improvements in lieu of on-site capture or off-site mitigation. Public  
23 stormwater quality improvements are construction projects on, or in addition  
24 to, existing Public drainage systems to improve stormwater quality.]

25 [STORMWATER QUALITY VOLUME. See 80<sup>th</sup> Percentile and 90<sup>th</sup>  
26 Percentile storm events.]

27 SECTION 3. Chapter 14, Article 5, Part 2, Section 5 "Jurisdiction" is  
28 amended as follows:

29 "§ 14-5-2-5 JURISDICTION.

30 Sections 14-5-2-1 et seq. shall apply to all lands within the city and,  
31 with respect to planning and platting matters, it shall also apply to all lands  
32 within its extraterritorial planning and platting jurisdiction.[~~This jurisdiction is~~

~~not exclusive; in particular, in matters of flood control AMAFCA shares jurisdiction.]~~

SECTION 4. Chapter 14, Article 5, Part 2, Section 6 “General Provisions” is amended as follows:

“§ 14-5-2-6 GENERAL PROVISIONS.

(A) The city is and shall remain an active participant in the National Flood Insurance Program. The city endorses the program goal of flood damage reduction through the regulation of development within flood hazard areas and the preservation of floodways. Sections 14-5-2-1 et seq. are intended to complement and supplement the Flood Hazard Ordinance set forth in §§ 14-5-1-1 et seq. of this article and shall be administered in concert therewith.

(B) All developed land within the city shall be provided with adequate drainage control, flood control, stormwater control, and erosion control facilities. The protection of life, health, and property shall be considered the primary function in the planning, design, construction and maintenance of drainage control, flood control, stormwater control, and erosion control facilities. However, other concerns, not limited to the following, shall be addressed: channel capacity, watershed characteristics, channel stability, maintenance, transitions between treatment types, multiple use goals, and appearance. The needs of the community in transportation, utility services, recreation, and open space shall be considered in planning, design, construction, and maintenance—particularly in the selection of channel treatment measures. These needs shall always be considered subsidiary to the primary functions of the drainage control, flood control, stormwater control, and erosion control facilities.

(C) The design, construction and maintenance of dams, levees and diversions that fall within the jurisdiction of the state engineer shall meet or exceed standards established by the State Engineer.

(D) The design, construction and maintenance of flood control facilities shall be coordinated with AMAFCA or other public agencies as appropriate.

(E) All facilities receiving water from public facilities and rights-of-way shall be constructed within dedicated rights-of-way or recorded drainage

1 easements granted to and accepted by the proper public authority or a private  
2 entity with an agreement for operations and maintenance.

3 (F) All facilities which receive only runoff from private property shall be  
4 constructed on private property unless otherwise authorized by the City  
5 Engineer. The use of individual on-lot ponding shall be governed by the  
6 standards established by the City Engineer in the Development Process  
7 Manual.

8 (G) Wherever flood control, drainage control, stormwater control, or  
9 erosion control improvements are necessary within dedicated public open  
10 space, such improvements shall be designed and constructed in a manner  
11 reasonably consistent with the natural surroundings. All construction and  
12 maintenance activities in dedicated open space shall be performed so as to  
13 minimize the disruption and destruction of vegetation and adjacent land forms.  
14 Where such disturbance or destruction is unavoidable, revegetation shall be  
15 performed at the earliest practical time by those responsible for such  
16 disturbance and/or destruction.

17 (H) All [new] development projects shall, where practicable, manage the  
18 ~~[runoff from precipitation from 90<sup>th</sup> Percentile Storm Events, utilizing~~  
19 ~~appropriate techniques such as the following, to detain, retain and/or dispose~~  
20 ~~of said runoff: infiltration into soil, extended filtration procedures, water~~  
21 ~~harvesting, evapotranspiration or other appropriate techniques under the~~  
22 ~~circumstances, and any combination of these practices. Generally it shall not~~  
23 ~~be deemed "practicable", in the context above, in site development cases that~~  
24 ~~include but are not limited to: (i) cases of conflicts with water rights~~  
25 ~~appropriations requirement, (ii) cases where post-development drainage~~  
26 ~~planning that does not and/or cannot practically connect to the River, and (iii)~~  
27 ~~cases where appropriate public or private drainage facilities are available~~  
28 ~~'offsite' and will be used in a manner consistent with the goals of this~~  
29 ~~Ordinance to manage the Project runoff from precipitation from 90 Percentile~~  
30 ~~Storm Events.~~ stormwater quality volume by ponding and infiltrating the  
31 volume on-site, payment-in-lieu, or offsite mitigation. The Best Management  
32 Practices (BMPs) shall be appropriate for the specific circumstances. To the  
33 greatest extent possible, on-site mitigation solutions shall be landscaped or

1 otherwise utilize required landscape areas within the site. Any management  
2 method requiring waivers to state water law or acquisition of water rights to  
3 implement shall be deemed “not practicable” and will not be required to  
4 manage the stormwater on site. Management on site will not be required if the  
5 City determines that stormwater quality can be effectively controlled using  
6 offsite structures or existing regional stormwater management infrastructure  
7 or facilities that are available to control storm water pollution by Cooperator or  
8 by a Cooperative Agreement. The basis for requesting payment-in-lieu or  
9 offsite mitigation is to be clearly demonstrated on the drainage plan. Site  
10 conditions justifying payment-in-lieu or offsite mitigation include: (i) the lot  
11 being too small to allow for infiltration capacity while also accommodating the  
12 full plan of development; (ii) the soil is not stable; (iii) the site use is  
13 inconsistent with the capture and reuse of stormwater; (iv) other physical  
14 conditions exist where compliance with on-site stormwater quality control  
15 requirement leaves insufficient area; (v) off-site facilities provide an  
16 opportunity to effectively accomplish the mitigation requirements of this  
17 ordinance; (vi) there is an opportunity to develop a project to replenish  
18 regional ground water supplies at an offsite location; or (vii) the applicant  
19 proposes an alternative proposal to the U.S. EPA to manage stormwater that  
20 meets the MS4 permit requirements or as otherwise approved by City  
21 Engineer.

22 (l) Payment-in-Lieu will not be required for sites where offsite mitigation  
23 is implemented, or for projects that satisfy the infill or redevelopment  
24 objectives of the Comprehensive Plan, including in Metropolitan  
25 Redevelopment Areas. In cases where the stormwater quality volume cannot  
26 be met in total, Payment-in-Lieu is required for the difference between the  
27 amount met and the total required, unless the stormwater quality volume is  
28 managed by private offsite facilities to control storm water pollution.  
29 Determination of the amount of payment-in-lieu will be described in the DPM.]

30 ([I]) Where practicable, Stormwater Control Measures shall be designed  
31 to manage [first flush runoff the stormwater quality volume] and control runoff  
32 generated by contributing area impervious surfaces.

1           **([JK])** The City Engineer is responsible for establishing criteria,  
2           procedures and standards for design and construction of flood control,  
3           drainage control, stormwater control, and erosion control improvements  
4           within the city. The city standards for design and construction are published  
5           in the Development Process Manual (DPM) and the Standard Specifications for  
6           Public Works Construction (latest versions). The City Engineer shall provide  
7           for variance from normal criteria and standards when appropriate. When a  
8           variance is required or requested, the City Engineer shall document the  
9           justification for his/her decision and retain as public records such actions and  
10          justifications. Appeal of the City Engineer's variance decisions is as provided  
11          in § 14-5-2-15. The City Engineer is also the designated flood control official  
12          for the city in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Insurance  
13          Administration.

14          **([LK])** The introduction of groundwater cleanup flow to either natural or  
15          constructed storm drainage and flood control facilities shall be prohibited  
16          except as herein provided.

17          **SECTION 5. Chapter 14, Article 5, Part 2, Section 7 “Surface Use of Streets**  
18          **for Drainage and Flood Control Purposes” is amended as follows:**

19          **“§ 14-5-2-7 SURFACE USE OF STREETS FOR DRAINAGE AND FLOOD**  
20          **CONTROL PURPOSES.**

21          **(A)** The surface of streets may be used for drainage and flood control  
22          purposes, to the extent such use does not interfere with the safe  
23          transportation of people and vehicles.

24          **(B)** The 100-year design storm runoff shall not exceed ~~[a depth of 0.87 feet~~  
25          ~~at any point within the street right-of-way, or 0.2 feet above top of curb~~ the top  
26          of curb or the right-of-way in a sump condition], in any street nor enter private  
27          property from a street, except in recorded drainage or flood control  
28          easements, rights-of-way, or historic channels and watercourses where  
29          easements or rights-of-way cannot be obtained.

30          **(C)** The 10-year design storm runoff shall not exceed a depth of 0.5 feet in  
31          any arterial street and shall flow such that one driving lane in each direction is  
32          free of flowing or standing water. The 10-year design storm runoff shall not  
33          exceed a depth of 0.5 feet in any collector street. Arterial and collector streets

that are in the state highway system may require more stringent drainage criteria.

(D) The product of depth times velocity shall not exceed 6.5 at any location in any street in the event of a 10-year design storm (with velocity calculated as the average velocity measured in feet per second and depth measured at the gutter flow line in feet).

(E) The discharge of nuisance waters to public streets [~~shall be discouraged~~ is prohibited]. Arterial and collector streets shall be protected from damages to the pavement surface and from the safety hazards created by surface flow of nuisance waters across them.

(F) All developed land within the city shall be served by at least one access that shall be an all-weather facility during a 100-year design storm, with all channel-crossing structures beneath the road-way being able to pass a 100-year design storm runoff event.

SECTION 6. Chapter 14, Article 5, Part 2, Section 10 “Multiple Use Rights-of-Way and Easements” is amended as follows:

“§ 14-5-2-10 MULTIPLE USE RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND EASEMENTS.

(A) Multiple use is encouraged for drainage rights-of-way and drainage easements including, but not limited to, utility corridors, recreation trails, and parks. Where multiple use is planned by the city, another public agency, or a public utility, the city may require that dedication statements include language which permits said specified multiple uses in addition to the primary drainage function, flood control, stormwater control, or erosion control. However, land required to be dedicated for drainage related rights-of-way shall be limited to those land areas necessary for drainage control, flood control, stormwater quality control, and erosion control and necessary appurtenances.

(B) Certain drainage rights-of-way [~~in Sector Development Plans~~] may be credited for Zoning Code [~~detached~~] open space, except for any area which is exclusively used for the drainage control, flood control, stormwater quality control, or erosion control function.

SECTION 7. Chapter 14, Article 5, Part 2, Section 11 “Stormwater Control Permitting for Erosion and Sediment Control, Inspection and Maintenance Responsibility” is amended as follows:



1 “§ 14-5-2-11 [~~STORMWATER CONTROL PERMITTING FOR EROSION AND~~  
2 ~~SEDIMENT CONTROL, INSPECTION, AND MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY.~~  
3 ~~CONSTRUCTION SITE RESPONSIBILITY BY PROPERTY OWNER]~~

4 (A) [~~A current Stormwater Control Permit for Erosion and Sediment~~  
5 ~~Control is required for all construction, demolition clearing, and grading~~  
6 ~~operations within the City of Albuquerque that disturbs the soil on one acre or~~  
7 ~~more of land. For projects that disturb one acre or more, or less than one acre~~  
8 ~~but are part of a larger common plan of development, the property owner is to~~  
9 ~~provide the Construction General Permit (CGP) Electronic Notice of Intent~~  
10 ~~(eNOI) documentation that contains the property owner name and contact~~  
11 ~~information a minimum of 14 days prior to earth disturbance and prior to~~  
12 ~~obtaining Work Order or Building Permit approval. To be accepted, the eNOI~~  
13 ~~is to be properly filled out and certified. If the eNOI is a Low Erosivity Waiver~~  
14 ~~by the contractor, then an Erosion and Sediment Control Permit per paragraph~~  
15 ~~§ 14-5-2-11(B) is to be approved by the City.~~

16 ~~(B) For projects that are less than one acre and are not part of a larger~~  
17 ~~common plan of development, but meet the criteria as specified in section 14-~~  
18 ~~5-2-12(B)(6), an approved Erosion and Sediment Control Permit is required~~  
19 ~~prior to earth disturbance, Work Order approval and Building Permit approval.]~~

20 (1) The [~~Stormwater Control Permit for~~] Erosion and Sediment  
21 Control [~~Permit~~] holder must be either the owner of the property or an  
22 authorized agent of the owner in order for the permit to legally cover the  
23 activities occurring at the site. If the permit holder is other than the owner,  
24 evidence of delegation of authority acceptable to the city shall be provided  
25 prior to issuance of a permit by the city.

26 (2) [~~Upon An Erosion and Sediment Control Permit will be approved~~  
27 ~~only upon~~] approval of plans and conditions by the City Engineer[, a  
28 ~~Stormwater Control Permit for Erosion and Sediment Control will be issued as~~  
29 ~~set forth in the Development Process Manual. The permit shall specify the~~  
30 ~~time period covered by the permit, as set by the City Engineer in the manner~~  
31 ~~established in the Development Process Manual, but such time period may not~~  
32 ~~extend beyond the acceptance of the Notice of Termination unless otherwise~~  
33 ~~specifically identified in the Stormwater Control Permit. An owner's or his/her~~

1 ~~agent's failure to properly maintain or extend a Stormwater Control Permit for~~  
2 ~~Erosion and Sediment Control shall subject that owner to the penalty~~  
3 ~~provisions of this ordinance].~~

4 ~~[(B) Stormwater Quality Permit for Erosion and Sediment Control (C)~~  
5 ~~Construction site] inspections and quality controls shall include:~~

6 (1) Self-inspections by permittee. At a minimum a routine  
7 compliance self-inspection is required to review onsite and immediately  
8 adjacent property vegetation, erosion and sediment control measures,  
9 [construction site waste(s)] and other protective measures [identified in the  
10 ~~Erosion and Sediment Control Plan and the associated Stormwater Quality~~  
11 ~~Permit for Erosion and Sediment Control weekly and after any precipitation~~  
12 ~~event of 1/4 inch or greater]. [Until the site construction has been completed~~  
13 ~~and the Stormwater Control Permit for Erosion and Sediment Control closed~~  
14 ~~out] and the Notice of Termination approved under the General Construction~~  
15 ~~Permit, the owner or his/her agent shall make a thorough inspection of the~~  
16 ~~stormwater management system as established by the Erosion and Sediment~~  
17 ~~Control Plan. These inspections' frequency shall be based on site conditions~~  
18 ~~and project circumstances as noted in the site's Erosion and Sediment~~  
19 ~~Control Plan. Regardless of the planned frequency, inspections shall occur~~  
20 ~~after any precipitation event of 1/4 inch or greater.] Reports of these~~  
21 inspections shall be kept by the person or entity authorized to direct the  
22 construction activities on the site and shall be conducted during progress of  
23 the work, during work suspensions, and until final acceptance of site  
24 stabilization by the city. An owner's or his/her agent's failure to properly  
25 maintain records [as required by Erosion and Sediment Control Plan] shall  
26 subject that owner to the penalty provisions of this ordinance.

27 (2) City Compliance Inspections. The city will [require compliance  
28 inspections conduct routine compliance inspections to review onsite and  
29 immediately adjacent property vegetation, erosion and sediment control  
30 measures, construction site waste(s) and other protective measures] in  
31 accordance with [the permittee's Erosion and Sediment Control Plan, this  
32 ordinance. The City will also be] conducting [annual routine] compliance  
33 inspections of all construction projects cumulatively disturbing one acre or

1 more [or as specified in section 14-5-2-12(B)(6)]. Site inspections will be  
2 followed by any necessary compliance or enforcement action to ensure  
3 corrective maintenance has occurred. [Corrective maintenance is to be  
4 completed within seven days or the owner is subject to escalation per this  
5 ordinance.] All projects will be inspected at completion for confirmation of  
6 stabilization ~~[prior to the submittal of the Notice of Termination under the~~  
7 ~~General Construction Permit]~~.

8 (a) Erosion and Sediment Control [and construction site  
9 waste(s)] Compliance. If the city finds that erosion ~~[and,]~~ sediment~~[, and~~  
10 construction site waste(s)] controls are not preventing accelerated erosion  
11 and removing sediment~~[,]~~ and [construction site] waste[(s)] prior to ~~[the~~  
12 ~~drainage]~~ leaving the construction site [by means of drainage, wind or human  
13 forces], the city may direct the owner or his/her agent by written order to  
14 implement additional erosion~~[, sediment and construction site waste(s)]~~  
15 control measures to prevent said soil erosion and sediment~~[, and waste~~  
16 construction site waste(s)] migration. [If the City finds that a property owner  
17 has caused sediment or construction site wastes to leave a site, the City may  
18 direct the owner or his/her agent by written order to remove the sediment and  
19 construction site waste(s).] If immediate additional erosion and sediment  
20 ~~[control or repair~~ controls and construction site waste(s) containment] is  
21 necessary, the owner or his/her agent shall be verbally notified with a follow-  
22 up written confirmation occurring later. It shall be the duty of the owner or  
23 his/her agent to immediately take all necessary steps to prevent such  
24 migration of sediment and waste off the premises or from entering receiving  
25 waters. Delivery of an order by the city to the owner or his/her agent shall be  
26 deemed to be notice thereof, and binding upon the owner. An owner's or  
27 his/her agent's failure to substantially comply with the order shall subject that  
28 owner to the penalty provisions of this ordinance.

29 (b) Maintenance of Temporary Control Measures. The  
30 property owner or the owner's agent carrying out the soil erosion and  
31 sediment control measures shall maintain all temporary control measures,  
32 retaining walls, structures, plantings, and other protective devices. Should  
33 the applicant, or any other subsequent property owners fail to maintain the

temporary control facilities, retaining walls, structures, plantings, and other protective devices, the city reserves the authority to enter affected property, provide needed maintenance, and to charge the owner for the work performed by the city or its contractors and to place a lien on the property to cover the costs of said actions. Such municipal lien shall be a statutory lien against the real property. This provision is in addition to the city's ability to assess penalties or pursue any other remedies as necessary to effectuate the purpose of this ordinance.

1. The maintenance of temporary facilities constructed at private expense on public property is the responsibility of the owner or owner's agent until permanent facilities are in place.

2. The developer shall be responsible for maintaining or replacing temporary crossing structures for a period of six years or until a permanent structure is built, whichever comes first. The city shall maintain temporary crossings which are designed and built such that they may be directly incorporated into the ultimate facilities.

(3) The city will utilize sanctions and penalties to enforce upon violations of permit requirements. Progressive enforcement escalation procedures will be used and strictly enforced for recalcitrant or repeat offenders.

~~([GD])~~ Post-Construction Maintenance shall be performed as follows:

(1) Except as otherwise noted herein, all Public Stormwater Facilities shall be maintained by the city or other public body. The maintenance of multiple use facilities to which the general public is denied access shall be the responsibility of the owners and shall be performed to City Engineer standards. The City Engineer may allow private maintenance within public right-of-way or easement provided that adequate guarantees and indemnifications are supplied.

~~(2) Private Stormwater Facilities [shall be maintained by the facilities' owner to standards established by the City Engineer and published in the Development Process Manual. Periodic inspection and certifications of facilities are hereby required and shall be reported to the City Engineer on forms established by the city. Inspections and Certifications by a New Mexico~~

~~Professional Engineer shall occur not less frequently than once every 3 years from the date the Notice of Termination is signed. Ongoing Stormwater Control Permit obligations may be required as to Stormwater Control Measures.;~~

a) Maintenance of Drainage Facility – The Owner shall maintain the Drainage Facility at the Owner’s cost in accordance with this Ordinance.

b) City Inspection Schedule – the City shall keep track of all private facilities dedicated to on or off-site mitigation and publish annually on its website a proposed inspection schedule for each facility for the convenience of the respective facility managers. Notwithstanding, nothing herein prevents the City from perform an unscheduled inspection when reasonably necessary to implement the goals and requirements of this ordinance.

c) City’s Right of Entry – No owner, occupant or any other person having charge, care or control of any building or premises shall fail or neglect, after proper request is made, as herein provided, to promptly permit entry herein by authorized City official for the purpose of inspection and investigation pursuant to the ordinance and to provide maintenance or repair of the Drainage Facilities as it deems appropriate, without liability to the City. In the event that the City is denied reasonable entry for purposes of inspection on a voluntary basis, the authorized City official shall obtain a proper inspection warrant or other remedy provided by law to secure entry. In the event of an emergency, where immediate entry is necessary to protect life or property, the City has the right to enter and perform inspections, maintenance or repair of the Drainage Facilities as it deems appropriate, without liability to the City.

c) Demand for Construction or Repair – The City may send written notice (“Notice”) to the Owner requiring maintenance, construction, or repair to the Drainage Facility within thirty (30) days (“Deadline”) of receipt of the Notice, and the Owner, at their expense, must comply with the requirements of the Notice by the Deadline provided.

1 d) Failure to Perform by Owner and Emergency Work by City –  
2 If the Owner fails to comply with the terms of the Notice by the Deadline, or if  
3 the City determines that an emergency condition exists, the City may perform  
4 the work itself. The City may assess the Owner for the cost of the work and  
5 for any other expenses or damages, which result from Owner's failure to  
6 perform. The Owner shall pay the City the amount assessed. If the Owner  
7 fails to pay the City within thirty (30) days after the City gives the Owner  
8 written notice of the amount due, the City may impose a lien against Owner's  
9 Property for the total resulting amount.

10 e) Liability of City for Repair after Notice or as a Result of  
11 Emergency – The City shall not be liable to the Owner for any damages  
12 resulting from the City's maintenance or repair following Notice to the Owner  
13 as required in this Ordinance, or in an emergency, unless the damages are the  
14 result of the reckless conduct or gross negligence of the City.

15 f) Indemnification – The City, its officials, agents and  
16 employees are indemnified and shall be held harmless from all claims,  
17 actions, suits and proceedings, whether known or unknown arising out of, or  
18 resulting from the Owner's negligent maintenance, construction, repair or use  
19 of the Drainage Facility. Such indemnification shall encompass actions are  
20 brought by third parties against any non-City party when such actions related  
21 to the aforementioned Drainage Facility. Furthermore, and notwithstanding  
22 the provisions of Section 56-7-1 NMSA 1978 (if applicable), such  
23 indemnification specifically extends to liability, for all claims, whether known  
24 or unknown, damages, losses or expenses, including attorneys' fees, arising  
25 out of: (1) the preparation or approval of maps, drawings, opinions, reports,  
26 surveys, change orders, designs or specifications (except those created by  
27 the City or its agents or employees); or (2) the giving of or the failure to give  
28 directions or instructions by the City.

29 g) This ordinance is not intended to replace, supersede,  
30 undermine or otherwise alter or replace any existing covenant or other written  
31 agreement between the City and any property owner. To the extent that the  
32 provisions herein conflict with the covenant or other agreement's language,  
33 then the covenant language or other agreement's language shall apply.]

1           (3) Maintenance and operation necessitated by the discharge of any  
2 groundwater cleanup flow to any public storm drainage, flood control,  
3 stormwater quality control, or erosion facility shall be the responsibility of the  
4 originator of such a discharge. Groundwater cleanup flow discharges shall  
5 only be allowed by special agreement.”

6           SECTION 7. Chapter 14, Article 5, Part 2, Section 12 “General  
7 Administration” is amended as follows:

8           “§ 14-5-2-12 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

9           (A) The design, construction and maintenance of all drainage control,  
10 flood control, stormwater control, and erosion control facilities within the city  
11 shall be performed in accordance with procedures, criteria and standards  
12 formulated by the City Engineer and in accordance with the policies  
13 established in §§ 14-5-2-1 et seq.

14           (B) All construction activities within the jurisdiction of the city shall  
15 conform to the requirements of the City Engineer with respect to drainage  
16 control, flood control, stormwater control, and erosion control.

17           (1) Structures constituting less than 1,000 square feet, in plan view,  
18 are excluded.

19           (2) Construction, grading or paving on any lot within the jurisdiction  
20 of the city shall not increase the damage potential to upstream, downstream or  
21 adjacent properties or public facilities. Damages shall be defined as those  
22 caused by flooding from the 100-year design storm and all smaller storms and  
23 from erosion and sedimentation resulting from the 10-year design storm and  
24 all smaller storms.

25           (3) During the period of May 1 through October 31, any grading  
26 within or adjacent to a facility that conveys a minimum of 50 cfs or holds 2.0  
27 acre-feet must provide for stormwater control[,] erosion control, and the safe  
28 passage of the 10-year design storm runoff during the construction phase.

29           (4) Grading, cut, fill or importation of material in excess of 500 cubic  
30 yards or grading of any area of one acre or more shall conform to drainage  
31 control, flood control, stormwater control, and erosion control policies and to  
32 standards, criteria and procedures established by the City Engineer with  
33 respect to drainage, flood control, stormwater control, and erosion control. A

grading permit, issued by the City Engineer, shall be required for projects involving more than 500 cubic yards of material or one acre or more in area. Applications for development of areas known to have been sanitary landfills shall be accompanied by a report which discusses potential health and soil mechanics problems and their solutions. Such reports shall be prepared by a New Mexico Professional Engineer competent in soil mechanics.

(5) Where practicable, active construction sites shall utilize non-structural controls, such as phased construction, dust control, good housekeeping practices, and spill prevention and response.

(6) Sites with less than one acre of total land disturbance [and that are not part of a larger common plan of development] shall be required to obtain ~~[a Stormwater Quality Permit—~~ an Erosion and Sediment Control [Permit] if:

~~[(a) The site is part of a larger common plan of development;~~

~~[(b)]~~ The site is identified as having a significant potential for erosion, based on observation or site characteristics including very steep topography;

~~[(e)]~~ The site is known to contain contaminated soils; or

~~[(d)]~~ The site is directly adjacent to receiving waters such as directly connected storm drains, directly connected concrete arroyos or the Rio Grande.

[(d) The site contains a building to be demolished and the building is 20,000 square feet or larger and was built or renovated prior to January 1, 1980.]

(7) Underground utilities, street reconstruction, drainage-way improvements, and landscaping construction projects shall obtain a Stormwater Quality Permit ~~[—for]~~ Erosion and Sediment Control if the entire project will disturb the soil in an area of one acre or more.

(8) Paving an area larger than ~~[2,000~~ 20,000 square feet other than right-of-way shall require a paving permit. Applications for paving permits shall be accompanied by a grading plan and Erosion and Sediment Control Plan if deemed necessary by the City Engineer. Repaving of right-of-way is excluded.



1           (9) The City Engineer shall not issue a grading permit, paving  
2 permit, [Work Order,] or ~~[Stormwater Quality Permit-Erosion and Sediment~~  
3 ~~Control Building Permit]~~ unless the proposed [permit project] is in compliance  
4 with the policies of §§ 14-5-2-1 et seq. and the standards and criteria of the  
5 City Engineer as provided for by § 14-5-2-13.

6           (10) Permit Fees. Permit fees shall be established by the Mayor.

7           (C) The city may participate with the private sector, and other public  
8 bodies and agencies operating within the jurisdiction of this policy in order to  
9 accomplish the goals and implement the policies adopted in §§ 14-5-2-1 et  
10 seq. This includes, but shall not be limited to, the development and approval  
11 of master plans for flood control, drainage and stormwater control,  
12 participation in the construction of projects and exercising control through the  
13 planning, platting, zoning, and permitting processes. Projects involving city  
14 funding shall be prioritized, funded and scheduled within the guidelines of the  
15 CIP and with CIP Projects.

16           (D) It shall be the responsibility of the City Engineer to produce, approve,  
17 make and retain records of all drainage plans, drainage reports, design  
18 analyses, design drawings, as-built drawings, and maintenance schedules  
19 related to all drainage control, flood control, stormwater control, and erosion  
20 control facilities constructed within city rights-of-way or easements.

21           ~~[(E) Applications for all land use changes shall address drainage control,~~  
22 ~~flood control, stormwater control, and erosion control in terms of the~~  
23 ~~interactions of these parameters with other requirements and needs produced~~  
24 ~~by the proposed land use changes.]~~

25           ~~[(F)]~~ Requests for the platting of land for the purpose of subdivision or  
26 development shall be accompanied by appropriate drainage control, flood  
27 control, stormwater control, and erosion control information.

28           ~~[(G)]~~ The City Engineer shall not approve any plan or report pertaining to  
29 proposed construction, platting or other development where the proposed  
30 activity or change in the land affected would result in downstream capacity  
31 being exceeded and for which stormwater control has not been addressed in  
32 compliance with this ordinance and standards established by the City  
33 Engineer in the Development Process Manual.

1                   (1) Downstream capacity is determined based on the assumption of  
2 fully developed watersheds. This assumption prevents "the first come, first  
3 served" approach where downstream development unduly constrains  
4 upstream development. Parameters used in the determination of downstream  
5 capacity include, but are not limited to:

6                   (a) Channel stability.

7                   (b) Crossing structure hydraulic capacity.

8                   (c) Reservoir capacity.

9                   (d) Hydraulic capacity of street, storm sewer, or channel.

10                  (e) Public health and safety.

11                  (f) Maintenance constraints.

12                   (2) Planned public storm drainage facilities are assumed as in  
13 place in determining downstream capacity, provided that construction funds  
14 are available and design has progressed to the point where capacity can be  
15 ascertained.

16                  ([H]) Temporary facilities are only allowed on a case-by-case basis as  
17 determined by the City Engineer. The level of protection to be provided by  
18 temporary facilities shall be determined by considering:

19                   (1) The likelihood and consequences of a failure.

20                   (2) Length of time until permanent facilities will be in place.

21                   (3) The acceptance of maintenance responsibilities and legal  
22 liabilities.

23                  ([H]) Requests for approvals of development and/or platting proposals to  
24 the City Engineer shall be accompanied by drainage control, flood control,  
25 stormwater control, and erosion control information and/or commitments. The  
26 particular nature, location and scope of the proposed development defines the  
27 degree of detail. One or more of the following levels of submittal may be  
28 required based on the following:

29                   (1) Conceptual Grading and Drainage Plan. A graphic  
30 representation of existing and proposed grading, drainage, flood control and  
31 erosion control information. The information should be of sufficient detail to  
32 determine project feasibility. The purposes of this plan are to check the  
33 compatibility of the proposed development within grading, drainage, flood

1 hazard and erosion control constraints as dictated by on-site physical features  
2 as well as adjacent properties, streets, alleys and channels. Modifications to  
3 the Comprehensive Plan and the development of area plans, sector plans, site  
4 development plans and landscaping plans on tracts of five acres or more are  
5 appropriate applications of conceptual grading and drainage plans.

6 (2) Drainage Plan. A short detailed presentation required for  
7 approval of small, simple development approvals. Drainage plans are  
8 prepared with or on the detailed grading plan and address both on-site and  
9 off-site drainage control, flood control, stormwater control, and erosion  
10 control issues. Drainage plans are required for building permits, site  
11 development plans and landscaping plans for developments involving less  
12 than five acres.

13 (3) Drainage Report.

14 (a) A drainage report is a comprehensive analysis of the  
15 drainage control, flood control, stormwater control, and erosion control  
16 constraints on and impacts resulting from a proposed platting, development  
17 or construction project.

18 (b) Drainage reports are required for subdivisions containing  
19 more than ten lots or constituting five acres or more, platting or construction  
20 within a designated flood hazard area and for any platting or development  
21 adjacent to a major arroyo.

22 (4) Erosion and Sediment Control Plan. Erosion and Sediment  
23 Control plans address all phases of each project from initial grading through  
24 and including final occupancy [~~and periodic post construction maintenance~~].  
25 Phased projects require special attention. All construction projects, both  
26 public and private, within the jurisdiction of §§ 14-5-2-1 et seq.[,] unless  
27 specifically excluded[,] require an approved Erosion and Sediment Control  
28 plan prior to start of construction. [An Erosion and Sediment Control Plan is  
29 required for sites that meet the criteria specified in § 14-5-2-11(A), § 14-5-2-  
30 11(B) and § 14-5-2-12(B)(6).]

31 (J) The Albuquerque 100-year design storm is the 100-year 6-hour storm as  
32 defined by the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and by  
33 the storm distributions for time and areas as developed by the City Engineer.

1 The 100-year storm has a 1% probability of occurring in any year. Watersheds  
2 with times of concentration greater than six hours will require the use of the  
3 100-year 24-hour storm volumes and distributions. Detention basins within  
4 which at least 90% of the design storage volume is not evacuated within 6  
5 hours measured from the time the peak storage volume is reached, shall use a  
6 24-hour or longer storm volume and distribution. Design circumstances may  
7 require larger or smaller storm volumes. The sources for the rainfall data are  
8 current NOAA publications and the City Engineer. When the need for other  
9 design storms is apparent, the City Engineer will provide requirements  
10 concerning appropriate storms, frequencies and durations.

11 (K) The City Engineer shall, within 30 calendar days after the submission  
12 to him/her of a request in writing for an approval under the Drainage  
13 Ordinance, approve or deny the request and provide a copy of his/her decision  
14 to the applicant. If the request is denied, the reasons for such denial shall be  
15 stated in writing. Appeal of such decisions is as provided in § 14-5-2-15.

16 (L) Discharge of any groundwater cleanup flows to the city's storm  
17 drainage and flood control system shall not normally be permitted, however,  
18 when such discharge of groundwater cleanup flow is by special agreement  
19 permitted, the entity responsible for such groundwater cleanup flow discharge  
20 shall also be responsible for all costs of installing, operating and removing the  
21 means of such discharges and shall provide public liability protection as  
22 required. The discharger of such groundwater cleanup flows shall also be  
23 responsible for payment of such permit fees, user fees, and effluent sampling  
24 fees according to an agreement with the city. All discharges to public storm  
25 drainage and flood control facilities shall comply with adopted local and  
26 applicable state and federal water quality requirements."

27 SECTION 8. Chapter 14, Article 5, Part 2, Section 13 "Alternative  
28 Compliance for Post Construction Due to Infeasibility" is added as follows:

29 "[§ 14-5-2-13 ALTERNATIVE COMPLIANCE FOR POST-CONSTRUCTION DUE  
30 TO INFEASIBILITY

31 The applicant may submit to the City Engineer a request for a  
32 determination of infeasibility for on-site management of all or a portion of the  
33 stormwater quality volume. The City Engineer shall approve such requests  
34 where based on the limitations provided in Section 14-5-2-6(H) above, or

1 otherwise within the reasonable discretion of the City Engineer. If the request  
2 is approved, an alternate compliance strategy acceptable to the City Engineer  
3 shall be implemented to manage the stormwater quality volume. The  
4 procedures and process for this determination shall be described in the  
5 DPM.]”

6 SECTION 9. Chapter 14, Article 5, Part 2, Section 13 “Administrative  
7 Procedures, Criteria and Standards” is renumbered and subsection ‘G’ is  
8 amended as follows:

9 “§ 14-5-2-[1314] ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES, CRITERIA AND  
10 STANDARDS.

11 . . .

12 (G) Regulation relating to groundwater cleanup flows discharged to public  
13 storm drainage and flood control facilities shall be [~~executed~~ exempted] from  
14 the provisions of this section. Requirements relating to groundwater cleanup  
15 flows shall be established by the City Engineer on a case by case basis, based  
16 on public health and safety needs, [~~operations~~ operational] needs, and state  
17 and federal regulatory compliance requirements current at time of  
18 promulgation. The requirements and conditions shall include provisions for  
19 public liability protection from groundwater cleanup flow discharges to the  
20 city’s systems.”

21 SECTION 10. Chapter 14, Article 5, Part 2, Section 14 “Enforcement” is  
22 renumbered and subsection ‘B’ is amended as follows:

23 “§ 14-5-2-[1415] ENFORCEMENT.

24 (B) Where, after investigation, an order has been issued by the City  
25 Engineer to the owner of the property on which a violation has occurred and  
26 the order is not complied with within thirty (30) days [for post-construction  
27 violations and within seven (7) days for construction violations], or such  
28 longer reasonable time as may be prescribed by the City Engineer, or if the  
29 responsible party or violator cannot be found or determined, the violator shall  
30 be subject to the penalty provisions set forth in § 1-1-99 of this code of  
31 ordinances up to \$500 per day. Each day of violation is considered a separate  
32 offense.”

1        **SECTION 11. Chapter 14, Article 5, Part 2, Sections 15 “Appeals, Technical**  
2        **Standards Committee,” 16, “Interpretation,” and 17, “Warning and Disclaimer**  
3        **of Liability” are renumbered as subsections 16, 17, and 18 respectively.**

4        **SECTION 12. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, paragraph, word or**  
5        **phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, or unenforceable**  
6        **by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the**  
7        **validity of the remaining provisions of this ordinance. The Council hereby**  
8        **declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section,**  
9        **paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase thereof irrespective of any**  
10       **provision being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.**

11       **SECTION 13. COMPILATION. Sections 1 through 10 of this ordinance shall**  
12       **amend, be incorporated in and made part of the Revised Ordinances of**  
13       **Albuquerque, New Mexico, 1994.**

14       **SECTION 14. RE-EVALUATION. The City shall coordinate with cooperators**  
15       **and stakeholders within eighteen-months of adoption of this ordinance to**  
16       **evaluate other alternatives to on-site mitigation that may be advanced through**  
17       **by better utilization of existing or planned public drainage infrastructure.**

18       **SECTION 15. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect five days**  
19       **following publication by title and general summary.**