



Clark County Clean Water Program Department of Environmental Services Stormwater Municipal Code

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Background

Clark County's municipal codes provide regulations to safeguard public health, safety and welfare. The stormwater codes protect the quality of surface and groundwaters for drinking water supplies, recreation, fishing and other beneficial uses through the application of best management practices and appropriate design of stormwater facilities. The code updates are required to meet conditions of Washington's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase 1 municipal stormwater permit effective from August 2013 through July 2018. The code updates are required to be completed and adopted by June 2015.

There are two major codes that affect stormwater management:

- **13.26A – Water Quality**
- **40.385 – Stormwater and Erosion Control**

Summary of proposed changes to the Clark County Stormwater Municipal Code 13.26A – this code summarizes protection measures for reducing and controlling discharge of contaminants to the county's storm system and receiving waters:

1. **Formatting** – some minor formatting was completed to organize the chapter to better align with Title 40 formatting (i.e. introduction layout, definitions table, etc.).
2. **13.26A.005** – Minor reformatting to clarify purpose and applicability of the chapter. Also, language added to clarify the state permit requirements that are to be met for this chapter.
3. **Definitions** – This section was moved from 13.26A.015 to a table format within 13.26A.005.
4. **Responsible authority** – The responsible authority was changed from "Director" to "Responsible Official" meaning the County Administrator or his/her designee. This brings the language in-line with other code chapters.
5. **13.26.A.035 – Allowable discharges** – This language was updated to comply with the current permit language (added street washing that does not contain detergents and emergency fire-fighting runoff).
6. **Reference manuals** – all references were directed to the new *Clark County Stormwater Manual* for further definition of how to meet stormwater requirements.

Need more information on the municipal code and stormwater update? Visit our webpage at www.clark.wa.gov/stormwater and click on the "Stormwater Manual" link



Summary of proposed changes to the Clark County Stormwater Municipal Code 40.385 –

this code summarizes regulations for new development and redevelopment projects to incorporate measures that reduce stormwater flow (quantity) and contaminants (quality):

1. **Chapter numbering** – given the significant changes, Chapter 40.385 will be replaced with Chapter 40.386
2. **Formatting** – some minor formatting was completed to organize the chapter to better align with Title 40 formatting.
3. **Definitions** – This section was updated to use current technical language and their definitions, per the Washington Department of Ecology (DOE) definitions. Definitions were simplified where applicable. Definitions were removed if they were no longer referenced in the code chapter.
4. **References to Minimum Requirements** – much of the technical language related to the Minimum Requirements were moved to the Clark County Stormwater Manual to avoid duplication of language and provide other supporting information to assist the user such as flow charts and check lists.
5. **References to Manuals** – Language was updated throughout to refer users to the *Clark County Stormwater Manual* for additional information on how to comply with the stormwater regulations.
6. **40.386.010.C Exemptions** - Language has been updated to align with language in the DOE permit.
7. **Responsible authority** – Language was updated from “Director” to “Responsible Official” meaning the County Administrator of his/her designee to better align with other code chapters.
8. **40.386.020 – Standards** – Additional language was added to allow the WSDOT Highway Runoff Manual for publicly-funded road projects. Other language was added to ensure compliance with all other applicable code and regulations not covered in this chapter.
9. **Removal of language related to Basin Plans (40.385.020.A.8)** – language removed as it is no longer a standard practice in Clark County and each new basin plan must be added by code revision.
10. **40.385.020.B – Water Quality Treatment** – this language was moved to Manual as applicable per the current permit requirements. (Minimum Requirement #6)
11. **40.385.020.C. – Quantity Controls** – this language was moved to the Manual as applicable per the current permit requirements. (Minimum Requirement #7)
12. **40.385.020.D – Stormwater Facilities** - this language was moved to the Manual as applicable per the current permit requirements.
13. **40.385.020.E – Maintenance and Ownership** - this language was moved to the Manual as applicable per the current permit requirements and county policy.
14. **40.385.030 – Erosion Control** – this language was moved to the Manual as applicable per the current permit requirements. (Minimum Requirement #2)
15. **40.386.040.A-E.– Administration** - this language was moved to the Manual as applicable per the current permit requirements and county policy.



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