


City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: DECEMBER 2, 2010
TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL
FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 
SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL REGULATIONS

ISSUE: Ordinance to amend the City's Erosion and Sediment Control regulations

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council introduce the ordinance, pass it on first reading and schedule it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, December 18.

DISCUSSION: On April 8, 2010 the Virginia General Assembly amended and reenacted § 10.1-562 of the Code of Virginia, relating to erosion and sediment control.

This amendment eliminates the existing State language as follows: "The civil penalty for any one violation shall be not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000, ~~except that the civil penalty for commencement of land-disturbing activities without an approved plan, as provided in § 10.1-563 shall be \$1,000.~~"

The City erosion and sediment control regulations may not mandate specific penalties if not provided for in State law. Since the State law has removed this specific penalty the City must remove the corresponding penalty from the local ordinance.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

ATTACHMENT: Proposed Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance (No. 4489)

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Introduction and first reading: 12/14/10
Public hearing: 12/18/10
Second reading and enactment: 12/18/10

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Title

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 5-4-14.1 of Chapter 4 (EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL), Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

Summary

The proposed ordinance updates the Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance by making a change to the civil penalties section as required by a recent change in state law.

Sponsor

N/A

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Authority

Va. Code §10.1-562

Estimated Costs of Implementation

None

Attachments in Addition to Proposed Ordinance and its Attachments (if any)

None

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

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THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 5-4-14.1, Chapter 4 of Title 5 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained to read as follows:

Section 5-4-14.1 Civil Penalties

(a) A violation of any section or provision of this article may, in addition to and notwithstanding the penalty provided for in subsection (b), be a civil violation that shall be enforced through the levying of a civil penalty, pursuant to section 1-1-11 of this code, of \$500 for a person's first violation and of \$1,000 for each subsequent violation of the same section or provision. ~~However, the civil penalty for commencement of land disturbing activities without an approved plan shall be \$1,000.~~ Each day during which a violation exists shall constitute a separate violation. However, a series of violations arising from the same operative set of facts shall not give rise to the levying of a civil penalty more frequently than once in any ten-day period, and shall not result in civil penalties exceeding a total of \$3,000.

(The remaining sections are unchanged)

Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE
Mayor

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Final Passage: