

City of Jacksonville

City Manager's Office



In 2008, the North Carolina General Assembly passed Session Law 2008-211 enacting additional stormwater requirements for Phase II jurisdictions within the Coastal Counties like the City of Jacksonville. Passage of this legislation ultimately meant that the City's Stormwater Ordinance required amending to include Coastal Stormwater Rules as mandated by the State of North Carolina. These rules pertain to the requirements for obtaining stormwater permits, depending on type of development, e.g.: non-residential, residential, high-density residential, or redevelopment. They also encompass requirements for non-erosive flow through any wetlands and changes to the buffer requirements, from 30 feet to 50 feet, for development located adjacent to intermittent and perennial streams.

Additions have also been made to the Stormwater Ordinance that pertain to the concept of stormwater "Service Areas." A Service Area is defined as a quantifiable area of land determined by the City and the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) which is associated with one or more City-owned structural stormwater control devices. Through the Ordinance, City-owned devices can now be constructed for the purpose of providing stormwater management to properties within the Service Areas. Once a Service Area is designated and its stormwater device(s) constructed, a given development or redevelopment project will be able to direct all or part of its storm water runoff to the offsite device(s) by payment of a fee during the stormwater permit process. The result is that a property permitted to discharge into a nearby, City-owned stormwater control device, will be allowed, by permit, to reduce or eliminate stormwater control devices within the property. This will allow more of the property to be utilized for development while still meeting the stormwater requirements of the City and the State of North Carolina.

The City Council adopted the revised Stormwater Ordinance on February 21, 2012. As a result of the newly adopted Stormwater Ordinance, the City is in the process of updating and revising the Stormwater Administrative Manual. In the meantime, the City will accept all application forms, permits, Operation & Maintenance Agreements, checklist, etc. that can be found in the existing Manual. In the event of a conflict between the newly adopted Stormwater Ordinance and the Stormwater Administrative Manual, the Stormwater Ordinance shall control.

If you have any questions or need further clarifications you may contact the Stormwater Manager at 910-938-6446.

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