



# **City of Alexandria Code of Ordinances ECS Text Amendment**

**Non-Substantive Changes**

**Title 5, Chapter 4 – Erosion and Sediment Control**

**Portions of Section 5-4-1 to Section 5-4-7**

Consolidation of the Virginia Stormwater Management Program and Erosion and Sedimentation Control Program

**Effective July 1, 2024**

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# Why are the amendments needed?

- Virginia State Water Control Board / Virginia Department of Environmental Quality consolidated regulations and code for erosion and sediment control and stormwater management
- What does it do: clarify requirements, eliminate redundancies, and correct inconsistencies between program regulations
- No substantive changes to existing erosion and sediment control minimum standards or to the post-construction stormwater management technical criteria are part of this regulatory action. (Notice of Intended Regulatory Action)
- Must be effective July 1, 2024, to coincide with state effective date

# Consolidation Requires Text Amendments

- Virginia Erosion and Sediment Control Program (VESCP) + Virginia Stormwater Management Program (VSMP) = Virginia Erosion and Stormwater Management Program (VESMP)
- (ESC) 9VAC25-840 & 850 + (VSMP) 9VAC25-870 = (VESMP) 9VAC25-875
- Changes to Code: definitions, program names, and reference numbers



# Proposed Text Amendments

## Sec. 5-4-1 - Definitions.

As used in this chapter, and pursuant to ~~9 VAC 25-840~~ **9VAC25-875**, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below, unless the context requires a different meaning:

(e) "Certified plan reviewer" means an employee or agent of a **VESCP** **Virginia Erosion and Stormwater Management Program (VESMP)** authority who (i) holds a certificate of competence from the board in the area of plan review, (ii) is enrolled in the board's training program for plan review and successfully completes such program within one year after enrollment, or (iii) is licensed as a professional engineer, architect, landscape architect, land surveyor pursuant to Article 1 (§ 54.1-400 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 54.1, or professional soil scientist as defined in § 54.1-2200.

## Sec. 5-4-7 - Minimum criteria; city handbook.

(b) This chapter, the erosion and sediment control regulations of the Department of Environmental Quality (~~9 VAC 25-840 et seq.~~) (**9VAC25-875 et seq.**) and the **"Virginia Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook, Third Edition, 1992, Virginia Stormwater Management Handbook, Third Edition, 2024,** which are incorporated herein by reference, shall be an integral part of the city's erosion and sediment control program and shall comprise the city's **"Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook."** **Virginia Stormwater Management Handbook.** The text of these regulations is on file in the office of the director.



# Recommendation and Schedule

- That City Council consider the adoption of the implementation ordinance and set it for City Council Legislative session on April 2, and final passage and implementation on Saturday, April 13, 2024.

## Schedule

- City Council Legislative Meeting: April 2<sup>nd</sup>
- City Council hearing: April 13<sup>th</sup>

**Amendments must be adopted effective date July 1, 2024**