

CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS FOR SITE CLEARING,
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CONSTRUCTION NOTES

THE FOLLOWING MEASURES REPRESENT MINIMUM STANDARDS TO BE ADHERED TO BY THE CONTRACTOR THROUGHOUT THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PROJECT. THE CITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REQUIRE ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO BE EMPLOYED WHEN WARRANTED BY EXTREME CONDITIONS AND/OR THE FAILURE OF THE CONTRACTOR TO EMPLOY THE APPROPRIATE EROSION CONTROL BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE PROVISIONS SHALL RESULT IN THE ISSUANCE OF A "STOP WORK ORDER".

1. NO DISTURBANCE OF PROPOSED CONSERVATION EASEMENTS, NATURAL BUFFERS, OR WATER BODIES IS PERMITTED. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL LOCATE THESE AREAS ON SITE AND BARRICADE THEM TO AVOID ANY UNAUTHORIZED CLEARING. BARRICADES AND OTHER PROTECTIVE FENCING ARE TO BE LOCATED AT THE DRIP LINE OF EXISTING NATIVE TREES OR A MINIMUM OF 10 FEET FROM TREE CANOPY OR THE DRIP LINE, WHICHEVER IS GREATER.
2. SPECIMEN AND HISTORIC TREES, CONSERVATION EASEMENTS, NATURAL VEGETATION BUFFERS, AND SIMILAR AREAS MUST BE PROTECTED BY BARRICADES OR FENCING PRIOR TO CLEARING. BARRICADES ARE TO BE SET AT THE DRIP LINE OF THE TREES AND MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THE DURATION OF THE PROJECT. BARBED WIRE IS NOT PERMITTED AS A PROTECTIVE BARRIER.
3. WHERE A CHANGE OF GRADE OCCURS AT THE DRIP LINE OF A SPECIMEN TREE, SILT FENCES WILL BE REQUIRED DURING CONSTRUCTION AND RETAINING WALLS MUST BE INSTALLED PRIOR TO FINAL ACCEPTANCE BY THE CITY.
4. IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR TO HAVE ALL PROTECTIVE VEGETATION BARRICADES AND EROSION CONTROL STRUCTURES AND MEASURES IN PLACE PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF ANY EARTHWORK, INCLUDING PRELIMINARY GRUBBING. THESE MEASURES INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION FENCES, SYNTHETIC JUTE BALES, WATTLES, &/OR HAVE BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMP'S) AS REQUIRED, SILT FENCES, AND FLOATING TURBIDITY BARRIERS. FURTHER, IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR TO MAINTAIN ALL EROSION CONTROL DEVICES THROUGHOUT THE DURATION OF THE ENTIRE PROJECT. MAINTENANCE SHALL INCLUDE PERIODIC INSPECTION AND REMOVAL OF DEBRIS ABUTTING EROSION CONTROL DEVICES.
5. PRIOR TO THE INSTALLATION OF ANY FILL MATERIALS ON SUBJECT SITE, SILT FENCES SHALL BE INSTALLED (1) ALONG SUBJECT SITE BOUNDARY AND PROPERTY LINES, (2) AT THE EDGE OF CONSERVATION EASEMENTS AND WETLANDS, (3) ADJACENT TO NATURAL LANDSCAPE BUFFERS, (4) AROUND THE PERIMETER OF EXISTING STORM WATER TREATMENT FACILITIES, AND (5) AT ANY ADDITIONAL AREAS THAT THE CITY DEEMS NECESSARY TO BE PROTECTED FROM POTENTIAL EROSION IMPACTS DURING CONSTRUCTION. THESE CONDITIONS SHALL APPLY IN ALL INSTANCES WHERE FILL MATERIAL IS BEING INSTALLED WITHIN 25 FEET OF ANY OF THE AFOREMENTIONED LOCATIONS. WHILE THESE ITEMS REPRESENT THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS, THE CITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO IMPOSE ADDITIONAL PROTECTIVE MEASURES, AS DETERMINED DURING ACTUAL SITE VISITS CONDUCTED AS PART OF THE STANDARD REVIEW OF THE SITE THROUGHOUT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION.
6. AT A MINIMUM, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL SEED AND/OR MULCH ALL DISTURBED AREAS. 85% SUFFICIENT GRASS COVERAGE IS TO BE ESTABLISHED WITHIN TWO WEEKS.
7. IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR THROUGH SCHEDULING, TO MINIMIZE THE DISTURBANCE OF SITE AREAS THAT HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO THEIR PROPOSED FINAL GRADE. WITHIN SEVEN (7) DAYS OF BRINGING A SUBJECT AREA TO ITS FINAL GRADE OR INACTIVITY IN CONSTRUCTION, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL INSTALL SEED AND MULCH OR SOD, AS REQUIRED. ANY PROJECT THAT IS INACTIVE FOR A PERIOD OF 30 DAYS OR MORE SHALL BE STABILIZED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE CITY OF SCHERTZ.
8. ONCE AN AREA IS SEEDED OR SODDED, IT MUST BE MAINTAINED BY THE CONTRACTOR TO ALLOW THE GRASS TO BECOME ESTABLISHED. IF THE GRASS IS NOT ESTABLISHED WITHIN TWO WEEKS THE CITY MAY REQUIRE THE CONTRACTOR TO RE-SEED OR A NON-VEGETATIVE OPTION MAY BE EMPLOYED.
9. ABSOLUTELY NO BURYING OF CLEARED MATERIALS IS PERMITTED.



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10. THE REMOVAL OF ALL VEGETATION AND TOPSOIL ON THE FUTURE ROADWAY, PARKING AND BUILDING LOT AREAS IS REQUIRED TO BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE PLACEMENT OF FILL ON THOSE AREAS. THE TOPSOIL MAY BE TEMPORARILY STOCKPILED AND USED AS TOPSOIL OVER PROPOSED GREEN AREAS SUCH AS PLANT BEDS, SODDED AREAS, AND WHERE TREES ARE TO BE INSTALLED OR RELOCATED.
11. A SIGNED, DATED, AND SEALED LETTER FROM A SOILS ENGINEER OR THE ENGINEER OF RECORD CERTIFYING THAT THE AREAS TO BE FILLED HAVE BEEN STRIPPED OF ORGANIC MATERIALS, MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE CITY PRIOR TO FILLING.
10. FILL MATERIAL IS TO BE PLACED IN ONE FOOT LIFTS AND COMPACTED TO THE APPROPRIATE DENSITY (95% FOR PAVED AREAS AND 95% FOR BUILDING PADS AND ALL OTHER AREAS AS PER ASTM D-698).
11. DURING SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT WHEN FUTURE BUILDING LOTS ARE FILLED AS PART OF THE OVERALL SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENTS, COMPACTION TEST REPORTS MUST BE PERFORMED ON THE BUILDING LOTS AT 300 FOOT INTERVALS. THESE TESTS ARE TO BE PERFORMED IN ONE-FOOT VERTICAL INCREMENTS. THE RESULTS OF THESE TESTS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE CITY UPON COMPLETION OF THE TESTS.
12. IF ANY MUCK MATERIAL IS DISCOVERED, IT SHALL BE REQUIRED TO BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH A SUITABLE MATERIAL THAT IS PROPERLY BACKFILLED, COMPACTED AND TESTED USING AASHTO T-180 MODIFIED PROCTOR METHOD.
13. STOCKPILING IS NOT GENERALLY PERMITTED BY THE CITY. WHEN ALLOWED, STOCKPILES SHALL NOT EXCEED SIX FEET IN HEIGHT MEASURED FROM THE ORIGINAL GRADE. AT A MINIMUM, STOCK PILES THAT WILL REMAIN IN PLACE IN EXCESS OF TWENTY DAYS SHOULD BE SEEDED AND MULCHED IMMEDIATELY UPON PLACEMENT OF THE FINAL LIFT.
14. SOILS ARE TO BE STABILIZED BY WATER OR OTHER MEANS DURING CONSTRUCTION. THIS IS INTENDED TO REDUCE SOIL EROSION AND THE IMPACT TO NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES. ADEQUATE WATERING METHODS SHOULD BE EMPLOYED TO ALLOW DAILY COVERAGE OF THE ENTIRE LIMITS OF ALL AREAS THAT DO NOT HAVE AN ESTABLISHED VEGETATIVE COVER. METHODS TO BE EMPLOYED INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, WATER TRUCKS, PERMANENT IRRIGATION SYSTEMS, TEMPORARY SPRINKLER SYSTEMS OPERATED BY PUMPING UNITS CONNECTED TO WET RETENTION PONDS, WATER CANNONS, TEMPORARY IRRIGATION SYSTEMS MOUNTED ATOP STOCKPILE AREAS, AND OTHER METHODS AS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE CITY.
15. ALL FILL MATERIALS LOCATED BENEATH STRUCTURES AND PAVEMENT SHALL CONSIST OF CLEAN GRANULAR SAND FREE FROM ORGANICS AND SIMILAR MATERIAL THAT COULD DECOMPOSE.
16. ALL FILL TO BE PLACED IN LANDSCAPED AREAS SHALL HAVE A Ph RANGE BETWEEN 5.5 AND 6.5, BE ORGANIC IN NATURE, FREE OF ROCKS AND DEBRIS, OR MATCH NATIVE EXISTING SOILS.
17. OWNER/CONTRACTOR SHALL FILE A "NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE GENERAL PERMIT FOR STORM WATER DISCHARGE FOR STORM WATER DISCHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES" WITH THE TEXAS POLLUTION DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM" IN COORDINATION WITH THE TEXAS COMMISSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY. CONTRACTOR SHALL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH ALL PROVISIONS OF THE GENERIC PERMIT INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:
 - A. PROVIDE SUCH EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO PREVENT DISCHARGE OF POLLUTANTS FROM THE SITE FROM THE START OF CONSTRUCTION UNTIL THE FINAL GROUND COVER HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED.
 - B. WORK WITH CITY INSPECTORS TO MAKE WEEKLY INSPECTIONS/REPORTS OF THE CONDITION OF EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES.
 - C. WORK WITH CITY INSPECTORS TO MAKE INSPECTIONS/REPORTS OF THE CONDITION OF EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES WITHIN 24 HOURS OF EVERY RAINFALL EVENT EXCEEDING ONE-HALF INCH.
 - D. MAINTAIN ALL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES THROUGHOUT CONSTRUCTION.
 - E. ADD EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES AS SITE CONDITIONS CHANGE.



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