

**IMPACT STATEMENT**

**Legislation title:** Update Drainage and Water Quality Code provisions to facilitate the implementation of the Stormwater Management Manual and the Source Control Manual (Ordinance; replace Code Chapter 17.38)

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**Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:**

Update Drainage and Water Quality Code provisions to clarify language to support implementation of the Stormwater Management Manual (SWMM) and Source Control Manual (SCM) and to conform with more recently adopted City best practices for drafting code.

**Financial and budgetary impacts:**

No budget changes or additional costs are expected to result from this Ordinance. In addition, the Code changes will not require additional time of existing employees to be implemented. This Ordinance does not propose new substantive requirements for the bureau to implement.

**Community impacts and community involvement:**

Environmental Services regularly reviews its Portland City Code (PCC) Chapters and administrative rules to identify changes needed to update language, fix incorrect cross-references, and improve clarity. Primary changes made to PCC Chapter 17.38 improve clarity, provide consistency, modernize code language and renumbering to accommodate the new code structure.

All code changes proposed by the Ordinance in Exhibit A are summarized above and were put out for public comment from May 18, 2020 through June 19, 2020. Minor comments on the proposed code changes were submitted, and a hearing was not requested.

The proposed changes will benefit the community by clarifying the code authority of PCC Chapter 17.38. The proposed changes make the code more user friendly and are not anticipated to have any significant community impact. The stormwater management requirements in PCC Chapter 17.38 apply to development projects and industrial sites (and are implemented through the SWMM, and SCM). They require specific action from developers and site owners to manage stormwater, to protect the city system, the environment and neighboring properties. Requirements and solutions vary by the storm system available to the subject property. These requirements have been in effect since 1999 and the proposed changes are not anticipated to change who the requirements apply to or how difficult it is to meet them.

BES took the following actions to publicize the proposed changes to PCC Chapter 17.38 and the 2020 Stormwater Management Manual:

- BES published notice of the comment period in both the *Daily Journal of Commerce* and *The Portland Business Journal*.
- BES posted webpages that made relevant documents, background, and guidance information publicly available and allowed for online, email, and phone submission of comments.
- BES sent email notification to Neighborhood Coalition contacts, the Office of Civic Life approved list of Diversity and Civic Leadership organizations, to neighborhood advocates, engineers, designers and other users, other municipalities, and interested parties.

