



CITY OF OCEANSIDE ENGINEERING

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TO: Engineers, Developers and Contractors

SUBJECT: 2025-2026 Erosion Control Requirements

The City of Oceanside Grading Ordinance 92-15, Article XV, with amendments dated May 27, 1992; (Ordinance 81-20 and Ordinance 82-43 dated September 8, 1982) requires that Erosion Control Plans for projects under active grading permits, and sites that are not fully landscaped and have potential for erosion problems be **approved by the City Engineer by October 15th of each year.**

The amended Grading Ordinance 92-15 stipulates security requirements for Erosion Control Plans. The form of security shall consist of either a cash deposit or a Letter of Credit from a financial institution, or any combination of the two. The amendment to the Grading Ordinance also outlines the City Engineer's authority to utilize the securities, if necessary.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ORDINANCE WILL LEAD TO THE REVOCATION OF GRADING PERMITS AND MAY RESULT IN LONG AND COSTLY DELAYS.

Chapter II, Section 8.0, Erosion Control Plans of the Engineers Design and Processing Manual (Pages 126-131) and the Grading Ordinance contain design standards that may be useful in the preparation of Erosion Control Plans.

Engineers should advise their clients of the City of Oceanside's and the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board's erosion control requirements. Requirements include, but are not limited to, a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and Erosion Control Plans including plan checking and inspection fees, as well as securities. The clients should also be advised that the Engineer of Work is required to certify that the erosion control measures have been implemented.

Developers should authorize the preparation of the Erosion Control Plans so that they may be prepared and processed in a timely manner. A STOP WORK NOTICE will be issued if developers fail to provide securities and ensure that Erosion Control Plans are updated to reflect current conditions.

The following is a summary of the erosion control requirements:

By September 15th. - All projects under an active grading permit and sites that are not fully landscaped and having the potential to cause erosion problems must have Erosion Control Plans submitted for City review and approval. Projects that have an Erosion Control Plan from the previous year must submit updated Erosion Control Plans reflecting existing conditions.

Slope planting must be completed in accordance with approved landscape plans within 45 days of completion of preliminary grading to provide slope stabilization and erosion control. This shall be shown on all Erosion Control Plans.

All slope planting that is not established by September 15 will require straw matting, erosion control blankets, hydroseeding, or other acceptable best management practice (BMP) measures to be in place by October 1st.

By October 1st. – The Erosion Control Plans must be approved, securities provided, and storm water quality BMP's installed and certified by the Engineer of Record. Erosion and sediment control shall be continuously maintained throughout the construction process, regardless of season. Updated Erosion Control Plans will be required for all phases of construction not covered by the previously approved plans.

Erosion Control Plans must be approved/updated and secured annually. **If you currently have an approved Erosion Control Plan, you must submit an updated plan by September 15th**. The Erosion Control Plans do not automatically carry forward from year to year.

Note: Although October 1st is designated as the beginning of the wet season, the erosion control plan is in effect all year long.

The following is a modified fee schedule approach associated with the required Erosion Control Plan update:

Erosion Control Plans that were previously approved and active prior to February 14th of the preceding wet season shall require an update of plans and fees. Those plans, which were not approved, or approved and had not commenced construction activities, do not require an update of plans or fees for the approaching wet season.

Erosion Control Plans that require an update, with no plan changes or modifications, must add a construction change description stating "Updated for 2025/26 Season". This description is required as a delta change in the revision block on title sheet of the Erosion Control Plan set. Plan checking fees are billed at the construction change rate. All securities must be current and inspection fees are billed per the Engineer's cost estimate for the preceding wet season.

Erosion Control Plans update fees:

- 1) Changes are proposed to previously approved erosion control plans that does not require a re-plot of new sheet(s):
 - Plan check fee= \$105 per hour
 - Reproduction fee= (\$21 per sheet for mylar) – (\$10.50 per sheet for bond copy)
 - Inspection fee= based on the City fee schedule (updated cost estimate is required for fee calculations)

- 2) Changes being proposed require modifications to the previously approved plans that require a re-plot of new sheet(s):
 - Plan check fee= \$105 per hour
 - Reproduction fee= (\$21 per sheet for mylar) – (\$10.50 per sheet for bond copy)
 - Inspection fee= based on the City fee schedule (updated cost estimate is required for fee calculations)

Updated Erosion Control Plans submitted **after** September 15, 2025, are subject to double the Plan checking fees. Plans submitted **after** October 1st are subject to all penalties for violation and standard plan check fees.

Thank you in advance for your commitment to keeping our community safe and resilient during the rainy season. If you have any questions concerning the erosion control requirements, please contact Mike Gonzalez at (760) 435-5898 or Paul Pham at (760) 435-5030.



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