

CHAPTER 7

INSPECTIONS AND ENFORCEMENT

7.1 GENERAL - The primary responsibility for inspecting and maintaining the erosion control BMPs found at any given site within the City of Plano rests with the Responsible Party as defined by the Erosion Control Ordinance. This will usually be the Contractor that actually constructed the BMPs. The erosion control plan for any site shall list a BMP Maintenance Schedule for the devices used. Each device specified in Chapter 5 listed the maintenance requirements for that device and City of Plano staff will do follow-up inspections on all permitted sites and as requested on sites without permits.

7.2 INSPECTION PROCEDURE - The following procedure can be used on most construction sites to ensure that the erosion control plan and devices are effectively controlling sediment runoff from the site:

1. Does the site topography match what is shown on the construction plans?
2. Does the site work comply with the erosion control plan?
3. Does the erosion control plan appear reasonable for the site?
4. Has the construction phasing of the project been taken into account on the erosion control plan and is the Contractor following the plan?
5. Check all erosion control BMPs -
 - Are they properly installed (dimensions & materials)?
 - Are they properly located to control sediment?
 - Do the BMPs require repair?
 - Do the BMPs require cleanout?
6. Check the perimeter of the site for evidence of off-site sedimentation, particularly at gutters, streams, inlets, and swales.
7. Are additional erosion control devices required to control sediment runoff?

7.3 ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURE - The intent of the enforcement procedure is to correct insufficient erosion and sedimentation controls as early as possible. It also is meant to place emphasis on the repair and maintenance of inadequate BMPs by not allowing inspections and approvals of other on-site work items until corrections to BMPs have been accomplished. The following summarizes the enforcement process that will normally be followed by the City of Plano:

1. Follow-up of a citizen's complaint or a regularly scheduled City inspection of the site.
2. An inspection report is completed by the City's authorized representative and delivered to the Responsible Party for the site.
3. If violations of the Ordinance are discovered a Notice of Violation is issued.

4. Corrections completed by the Responsible Party (Contractor, Owner, Developer, Etc.).
5. If corrections are not completed within the time allocated, a stop work order is issued.
6. Corrections completed by the responsible party (Contractor, Owner, Developer, Etc.) and all fees are paid prior to release of the stop work order.
7. If corrections are not completed, the City initiates court action against the Responsible Party (Contractor, Owner, Developer, Etc.).

Figures 4.1.A, B, and C show a more detailed flowchart of the approval and enforcement process for each type of development that is usually seen in the City of Plano.

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