

FACT SHEET

CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

TITLE

An ordinance to revise Chapter 34 Flood Prevention and Protection, Article III “Drainage and Stormwater Drainage Control” Sec 34-94 of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, Code of Ordinances, relative to stormwater detention requirements and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

DATE

7/8/2024

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT

Public Works

COUNCIL DISTRICT

N/A

SPONSOR

No Sponsor

PURPOSE

To revise Chapter 34, Article III of the Shreveport City Code relative to definitions associated with detention pond design.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The proposed changes to Sec. 34-94 include provisions for stormwater detention for applicants making substantial improvements to an existing site. The intent for adding this provision to the Code of Ordinances is to ensure that the need for stormwater detention is addressed. Currently, based on existing language of section 34-94, applicants that are redeveloping existing sites, are not providing stormwater detention on sites because they are not technically increasing the site’s impervious surface by 2,500 square feet. Most of these sites were designed decades ago before the City adopted stormwater detention requirements. This should not excuse applicants from their due diligence in performing a drainage analysis to ensure that their site is not discharging stormwater at a rate that exceeds the ten-year design storm event. This change will help ensure that the City’s drainage infrastructure is not overwhelmed with unregulated stormwater flows from these sites.

TIMETABLE

Introduction: 07/09/2024
Final Passage: 07/23/2024

ATTACHMENTS

N/A

SPECIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

None

FINANCES

\$ N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDS

N/A

ALTERNATIVES

(1) Adopt the ordinance as submitted, or (2) amend the ordinance, or (3) reject the ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the City Council adopt the ordinance.

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