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If you would like to be added or deleted from our *Land Development Newsletter*, please contact Shauna Salanger at ssalanger@ci.charlotte.nc.us or 704-432-0960.



New Ordinance Alignment Initiative

Land development in Charlotte is subject to a variety of ordinances. Each ordinance has been well vetted and serves an important role in ensuring that as land development occurs, it protects the public and provides adequate comprehensive infrastructure. However, since these ordinances are numerous, complex, and administered across several departments, it is in the City's interest to ensure that they work together in support of a common vision and complement one another. To that end, staff is working on a new "Ordinance Alignment" initiative where we are holistically seeking to improve our land development ordinances including Zoning, Subdivision, Tree, Erosion Control, and PCCO. Through these improvements we seek to improve flexibility, predictability and clarity by indentifying and addressing any misalignments, overlaps and/or gaps in our ordinances.

City staff is currently working to identify issues to be addressed under this initiative, but we are seeking additional assistance from external stakeholders. You can help by identifying examples you have experienced with your projects in Charlotte where ordinance requirements seem inconsistent or do not work together to achieve the City's policies for growth and land development. Examples that we have identified include sidewalks being regulated differently in multiple ordinances, and inconsistent prioritization of development goals on urban infill sites. Please note the purpose of this initiative is not to add to or reduce or eliminate existing ordinance requirements, rather to ensure they work well together. Please go to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HPNG8CD> to submit your comments.

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Charlotte-Mecklenburg Soil Erosion & Sedimentation Control Training Spring Seminar

A soil and sedimentation control overview seminar and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Certified Site Inspector (CMCSI) certification preparation will be held on Thursday, April 26, 2012. Upon completion, an optional certification test will be administered for those interested in becoming a certified Charlotte-Mecklenburg Certified Site Inspector.

It is a great time to renew your certification or have new employees trained in the latest techniques for soil erosion and sediment control on construction sites. To register and pay online for the April 26th CMCSI Seminar, log on Citizen Access at <https://aca.accela.com/charlotte>. Persons who do not wish to register and pay online may complete and submit a paper application. Applications can be downloaded from our website at <http://cmcsi.charmeck.org>. If you have any questions regarding the CMCSI Training Seminar, please contact Jay Wilson at 704-517-1152.

Electronic Plan (EPLAN) Submittal



Just a reminder that **all** commercial plans must be submitted electronically to Land Development. Sealed, signed hard copies of plans should be scanned into PDF format and e-mailed to ldplans@charlottenc.gov. Please contact LD Customer Service at 704-336-6692 with any questions about EPLAN submittals.

Staff Updates

We are pleased to announce that Brian Robinson has been promoted to Senior Engineer. Brian has worked in Land Development as a Plan Review Engineer since September of 2008. Congratulations, Brian!



Upcoming Stakeholder and Committee Meetings

All meetings are open to the public.

STORM WATER ADVISORY COMMISSION (SWAC) MEETING: Meetings are typically held on the third Thursday of every month.

TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION: Meetings are typically held on the third Tuesday of every month at the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center, 600 East Fourth Street.

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