

Issuance of Erosion & Sediment Control (ESC) Deposit to Insure Final Stabilization of Disturbed Soils

Establishing vegetation is the most important method used to prevent erosion at a project site. Every emphasis should be made to provide final stabilization at the earliest possible stage and each phase of construction. City of Owatonna Stormwater Management Ordinance #317 requires final stabilization of the site in accordance with the stormwater management plan.

Final stabilization of the site means that all soil disturbing activities at the site have been completed, and that a uniform perennial vegetative cover with a density of seventy (70) percent of the cover for unpaved areas and areas not covered by permanent structures has been established or equivalent permanent stabilization measures have been employed. Simply sowing grass seed is not considered final stabilization.

However, instances do arise, such as winter construction, when final stabilization cannot be obtained at the time the building is completed and ready for occupancy. If final stabilization does not exist at time of the final building inspection, an erosion & sediment control deposit must be submitted prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy by the Building Department.

The ESC deposit is collected and held to insure that final stabilization is completed in the stated time period. The cash deposit in an amount determined by the Stormwater Manager (typically \$1,000 for residential projects but not to exceed \$5,000) shall be held by the city until final stabilization of the site is complete. Upon completion the deposit will be returned to the applicant. If applicant fails to complete the items in the stated period of time the city may use those funds to offset costs incurred in pursuing the completion of those items. The city shall document those charges and withdraw funds from the deposit bi-weekly until such funds are expended or compliance is achieved. The applicant shall be notified of any such withdrawals. The applicant may request an extension of the completion date from the Stormwater Manager if weather related or personal circumstances justify it. The applicant may appeal the Stormwater Manager's decision for extension to the Community Development Director, City Administrator, or City Council.

Applicant's Name _____

Address of Property _____

Building Permit # _____

Date by Which Improvements to Be Completed _____ Date to Complete By _____

Amount of Deposit \$ _____ Receipt # _____

Acknowledgement and Acceptance of Terms as Provided Above

Applicant's Name Date

Completion of Final Stabilization _____
Date

Amount of Deposit Retained for Enforcement Procedures _____

Amount of Deposit Returned _____

Deposit Returned _____

Date