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## AGENDA HEADING:

Amending Chapter 42 of the Municipal Code relating to drainage pipe installation in drainageways, and grading requirements, and public nuisance abatement and assessment administrative process.

#### SYNOPSIS:

This action amends Chapter 42 to include provisions that requires a grading permit for the installation of a drainage pipe (culvert) in a public or private drainageway; and for excavation, fill, or grading that modifies or alters the flow of storm water, and which effects adjacent or abutting property. Staff recommends approval.

## FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

- The City often receives complaints about pipes installed on private property that impact adjacent properties, including culverts that are installed in defined waterways. Currently there are no permit processes for this work, so the City is usually unaware of these projects until a complaint is received. Adding a requirement for a grading permit for this work will allow City staff to review plans and calculations to ensure correctly sized pipes are installed, and that no adjacent properties will be negatively impacted by the proposed work.
- Some of the references to the Public Works Director have been changed to the City Engineer as Engineering staff manages the grading permits.
- Revised language in Sections 42-188 and 42-189 to refer to public nuisance administrative process in Article VI, Chapter 42.

# PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

#### **BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

### ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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