



City of Moore

Community Development

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To: Engineers, Developers, Utility Companies, Contractors, and other Interested Parties

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Subject: Riparian Buffer Requirements in Platted Subdivisions

This policy memorandum is intended to clarify and standardize the dedication and treatment of Riparian Buffers required by the 2021 Stormwater Management Criteria along certain stream banks within the City of Moore to help ensure that they serve their purpose as a buffer from erosion and to filter stormwater pollutants prior to draining to the creeks.

Effective immediately, the following shall apply to all development subject to a riparian buffer requirement as outlined in the 2021 Stormwater Management Criteria:

1. Riparian zone and required buffer shall be shown on the preliminary plat, final plat, public improvement plans, and SWPPP.
2. The following language must be added to the notes of the final plat:
“Riparian Buffer Regulations- The riparian buffer shall be kept free of any materials and chemicals. The clearing, grading, construction or disturbance of the natural vegetation is only permitted within the Riparian Buffer as outlined below. Such removal shall be limited in scope and must receive approval from the City of Moore Community Development Department prior to activity, including but not limited to:
 1. Public Utility and drainage infrastructure installation repair and/or maintenance;
 2. Establishment of site-line requirements;
 3. Removal of invasive species;
 4. Passive Recreational Uses and/or public pedestrian trails and appurtenances.”

3. Riparian Buffers in Covenants and Restrictions: The Neighborhood Covenants and Restrictions shall have a section dedicated to Riparian Buffers with the above information, in addition to the following:
 1. Prior to any work or activity in the Riparian Buffer zone, the City of Moore Community Development Department, 405-793-5053, must be contacted with a plan of what improvements are being requested and any grading, vegetation clearing, etc. that is proposed to take place.
 2. The riparian buffer shall be kept free of any materials and chemicals.
 3. A public pedestrian easement shall be allowed within the riparian buffer for the construction of a public walking/biking trail at the sole discretion of the City of Moore.

Please direct any questions or concerns about this policy to Elizabeth Weitman, Community Development Director, at eweitman@cityofmoore.com.