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as of 10/14/2025**

	Current Municipal Code Section	Section Name	Type of Change	Nature of Proposed Changes	Rationale
SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES					
	15.24.050	Activities requiring permits	Substantive	Language Revision	Changed length of cumulation of thresholds. Cumulation of thresholds are intended to capture multiple smaller projects done at different times but on the same site to prevent applicants splitting up large projects into smaller ones that have fewer requirements (like stormwater management) than a single large project. Considering length of design, permitting, and construction, a greater length of time is needed to capture more than a single small project
	15.24.050	Activities requiring permits	Substantive	Language Revision	Identified the source for assessed value of property/improvements shall be from the King County Tax Assessor's website.
	15.24.091	Conflicts	Substantive	Added new section	Added new section to give authority to the Director to determine which code will be followed if conflicts within codes occur.
ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL CHANGES					
15.02 Accessory Improvements					
	15.02.010	Compliance with city standards	Administrative	Language Revision	Replaced "sanitary sewer" with "wastewater" to be in alignment with current naming practice
	15.02.040	Plan approval required	Administrative	Language Revision	Deleted references to Director's "designees" to clarify authority.

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	15.02.060	Enforcement/ penalty for violation	Administrative	Language Revision	Deleted references to Director's "designees" to clarify authority.
15.04 Flood Control					
	15.04.020	Definitions	Administrative	Language Revision	Updated various definitions for clarity and to more closely match those in Zoning Code.
	15.04.020	Definitions	Administrative	Language Revision	Removed definition for "area of special flood hazard" and replaced it with "Special Flood Hazard Area" to reflect current term.
	15.04.020	Definitions	Administrative	Language Revision	Added definition for "Public Works Director" to refer to Title 2.64.030 which will be added with upcoming changes to Title 2. This will say "Where used in this Code, the term Public Works Director shall include any representatives (designee or delegate) authorized to act by them in their place.
	15.04.020	Definitions	Administrative	Language Revision	Updated definition of "Historic structure" and clarified the list of sources from which a structure's inclusion will be determined.
	15.04.030	Lands to which this chapter applies	Administrative	Language Revision	Substituted "Special Flood Hazard Area" to reflect current term
	15.04.040	Basis for establishing Special Flood Hazard Areas	Administrative	Language Revision	Substituted "Special Flood Hazard Area" to reflect current term

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	15.04.045	Compliance with state Flood Control Zone Permit Program required – Administration by city.	Administrative	Language Revision	Removed outdated reference to hydraulics map which is no longer a map that is maintained by the City.
Chapter 15.22 MOVING BUILDINGS					
	15.22.040	Applicability	Administrative	Language Revision	Deleted references to Director's "designees" to clarify authority.
	15.22.070	Permits – Deposits and fees	Administrative	Language Revision	Deleted references to Director's "designees" to clarify authority.
Chapter 15.24 CLEARING, GRADING, AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT					
	15.24.020.A	Design, construction and maintenance – General requirements	Administrative	Language Revision	Added text to clarify the version of reference material.
	15.24.030	Director	Administrative	Language Revision	Revised definition for "Public Works Director" to refer to Title 2.64.030 which will be added with upcoming changes to Title 2. This will say "Where used in this Code, the term Public Works Director shall include any representatives (designee or delegate) authorized to act by them in their place.
	15.24.040	Issuance of permits	Administrative	Language Revision	Updated "Public Works Director" to "Director", deleted references to Director's "designee" to clarify authority.

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	15.24.050.J	Activities requiring permits	Operational	Language Revision	Clarified that maintenance of privately owned stormwater facilities does not require a permit
	15.24.050.K	Activities requiring permits	Administrative	Language Revision	Added that removal of water from privately owned stormwater facilities prior to maintenance/repair requires a permit to ensure adequate and proper disposal of the water. Added item is in alignment with and supports RMC 13.06.070.D.
	15.24.055.A	Activities that do not require a clearing, grading, and stormwater permit	Administrative	Language Revision	Clarified which permits are not required under this section.
	15.24.055.C	Activities that do not require a clearing, grading, and stormwater permit	Administrative	Language Revision	Added that the listed activities are not an exempt practice if they are part of new development or redevelopment projects to prevent owners from claiming exempt practice for portions of a project in order to avoid costs for other requirements such as stormwater management
	15.24.055.C.3	Activities that do not require a clearing, grading, and stormwater permit	Administrative	Language Revision	Added clarification that this vegetation maintenance is associated with road right-of-way (such as planter strips) only.

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	15.24.055.C.3	Activities that do not require a clearing, grading, and stormwater permit	Operational	Language Revision	Added paragraph to include maintenance of public vegetated areas, such as parks or other public facilities, as an exempt practice. Also provided guidelines for classifying artificial turf removal and replacements an exempt practice; to clarify stormwater requirements for public maintenance practice
	15.24.055.C.4	Activities that do not require a clearing, grading, and stormwater permit	Administrative	Language Revision	Added text to provide examples of utility projects applicable to item 4.
	15.24.060.A	Activities that do not require a clearing, grading, and stormwater permit	Administrative	Language Revision	Clarified which activities may be reviewed under the umbrella of a larger permit
	15.24.060.B	Classification of clearing, grading and storm water management construction activities	Operational	Language Revision	Updated "Director" to "Director of Planning and Community Development" to clarify responsible for permit process

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	15.24.060.C	Classification of clearing, grading and storm water management construction activities	Operational	Language Revision	Updated "Director" to "Director of Planning and Community Development" to clarify responsible for permit process
	15.24.060.D	Classification of clearing, grading and storm water management construction activities	Administrative	Language Revision	Updated terminology for clarity, added types of permits applicable to the various projects, changed "Development Services Division" to Public Works Right of Way Group" for Right-of-Way projects.
	15.24.082	Topographic change (cut and fill) limits	Administrative	Language Revision	Updated text for clarity. Changed "cut" to "permanent cut", to differentiate from cuts that can occur during temporary construction work.
	15.24.170	Penalties	Administrative	Language Revision	Added text to give authority to the Director to stop work, revised text describing investigation fee to match other sections of Title 15.
Chapter 15.30 CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION DEBRIS RECYCLING AND REUSE					

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	15.30.010	Definitions	Administrative	Language Revision	Revised definition for "Public Works Director" to refer to Title 2.64.030 which will be added with upcoming changes to Title 2. This will say "Where used in this Code, the term Public Works Director shall include any representatives (designee or delegate) authorized to act by them in their place."

Substantive change alters legal meaning, obligations, or scope of the code and are significant enough that they warrant closer review by the Council and Public

Administrative change clarifies or corrects language, references, or structure without changing intent, process, or legal effect.

Operational change adjusts how the code is implemented or enforced to reflect current procedures or workflows.

Minor changes throughout document

Changed to gender neutral terms he/she, his/her, them

Made references to Public Works Director consistent

Revised chapter titles and section headings as needed to be consistent with code sections

Capitalizations, example "director" to "Director"

Corrected spelling and grammar