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Public Facilities Manual – Volume I - Comprehensive Review, Reformatting, and Updating.

The Public Facilities Manual (PFM) Volume I, originally written more than twenty years ago, has been periodically modified for various additions and deletions. In recent years, the City has frequently received suggestions that the PFM is outdated and difficult to use as a result of the format and previous piece meal modifications. The City concurs that it is time to perform a comprehensive review of the design criteria and we are beginning the process now.

As this process commences, we are requesting input on any areas that should specifically be reconsidered. Suggestions can be as broad or specific as desired. All input received by March 15, 2009 will be considered in the comprehensive review.

As part of the comprehensive review, staff will be considering consistency with other localities and state agencies. The City will include changes recommended by previous studies performed by consultants for Chesapeake. Also consideration will be given to all public input. Mark Curry will be leading the team performing this effort. Any questions or input should be directed to him at mcurry@cityofchesapeake.net.

As with previous PFM modifications, we will follow the same procedure, as follows:

- Public Input
- City Draft Modifications
- Draft Modifications Published for Public Review and Comment
- Final Adoption of Modifications

Completion of the Public Facilities Manual review is projected for Summer 2009.

New Subdivision Inspection Fee Requirements

On Tuesday, January 27, 2009 City Council approved a Chapter 70 City Code amendment that eliminates the requirement for hourly reimbursement of inspection fees. The Code now permits Public Works to be paid for inspections via other methods. Effective March 1, 2009 Subdivision inspection fees will be determined by using two percent (2%) of the construction costs based on the City's unit price list. The fee will be due upon issuance of a Land Disturbing Permit. Active projects with Permits before March 1, 2009, will also be transitioned into the new system for inspection fee payment. Subsequent to the effective date, Public Works will determine the outstanding value of incomplete projects and

determine the appropriate inspection fees remaining based on the quantity of incomplete construction.

If you have any questions, please contact Tom Crawford at tcrawford@cityofchesapeake.net or (757)382-6489.

New Site Plan As-Builts

On January 27, 2009, City Council approved a Zoning Ordinance Amendment regarding site plan Construction Record Drawing requirements (CRDs). In lieu of CRDs for private improvements, only one certification will be required from a professional engineer or surveyor duly licensed by the commonwealth of Virginia. The certification statement will be revised with the ongoing PFM update.

However, a CRD is still required for any detention/retention facility. Section 26-270 requires final depth, grade, slope and volume to be submitted.

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