

### **Stormwater Requirements Overview:**

Several land surveyors and engineers have recently asked for clarification regarding the City of Chattanooga's stormwater requirements. On July 2, 2018, the following clarification was determined by the City of Chattanooga's Engineering Department, Regional Planning Agency, and Land Development Office, to be a brief summary of the City of Chattanooga's current stormwater ordinance.

- A. If all of the lot areas total less than 5,000 square feet, then only erosion and sediment control measures are required.
- B. If all of the lot areas total between 5,000 square feet and one acre, then Small Site Control per the Rainwater Management Guide (RMG) are required (see City of Chattanooga Code 31-313.4.C). Small Site Controls may be either: (1) Stay-On Volume per RMG, or (2) 80% TSS removal and detention for the 2 – 25-year storm events. Erosion and sediment control are also required. Additionally, these items must be properly designed and LDP approved, as well as all necessary easements shown on the final plat, prior to plat approval.
- C. If all of the lot areas total one acre or more, then the design must comply with the Rainwater Management Guide (RMG) (see City of Chattanooga 31-313.4.D). Generally, this will be Stay-On Volume per the RMG, and detention for the 2 – 25-year storm events. Erosion and sediment control measures are also required. Additionally, these items must be properly designed and LDP approved, as well as all necessary easements shown on the final plat, prior to plat approval.
- D. If: (1) the lots are single-family, residential, and (2) were platted and recorded before December 1, 2014, and, (3) if there is no increase in the number of lots, and (4) all of the lot areas total less than one acre total, then only erosion and sediment control measures are required. However, the developer/consultant will be solely responsible for any increase in water quantity of degradation of water quality.

Please note this is only a brief summary and that all of the requirements of the City's stormwater ordinance are in effect, even if not stated above. This summary does not remove any of those requirements, but only seeks to clarify some items.