

CITY OF MITCHELL

City Council Meeting
Agenda Item Request



The deadline for agenda items is Wednesday at noon, prior to the City Council Meeting

Meeting Date Requested: Requested By:

Desired Action of City Council: Authorization Approval Resolution
 Ordinance Citizen Request Discussion

Amount Budgeted in current fiscal year for this item (if applicable):

Agenda Item:

Explanation/Background of Agenda Item Requested:

The City of Mitchell is occasionally involved in lawsuits regarding drainage of storm water leaving the city limits. Oftentimes these are disputes by downstream landowners who have to deal with whatever quantity of water is coming through their properties.

Our existing chapter on storm drainage requires drainage plans on developments one acre or greater as part of applying for a building permit. It doesn't currently give the option to require drainage plans for smaller developments, even if a drainage plan is advisable. The first change would allow plans to be required if the Director of Public Works determines the potential development may cause, create, or aggravate drainage problems.

The second change allows for a building permit to be refused, denied, or revoked if the property owner cannot sufficiently demonstrate that the development will not significantly alter the nature and quantity of water projected downstream.

The third change would be to prohibit alteration of a drainage system component unless such alteration is re-submitted and approved.

The fourth change would provide for public notice upon the issuance of a building permit where a drainage plan was required and explaining the right to appeal the issuance of the building permit.

The overall goal is to allow the City greater flexibility in ensuring that storm water is being drained properly. This benefits established sites, new developments, and our downstream neighbors.