



SOIL EROSION and SEDIMENTATION CONTROL ORDINANCE

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ORDINANCE NO. 2019-05

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTROL OF SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Weddington, hereby adopts the following ordinance.

58.601        Title

This ordinance may be cited as the Weddington Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance.

58.602        Purpose

This ordinance is adopted for the purposes of:

- (a) regulating certain land-disturbing activity to control accelerated erosion and sedimentation in order to prevent the pollution of water and other damage to lakes, watercourses, and other public and private property by sedimentation; and
- (b) establishing procedures through which these purposes can be fulfilled.

58.603        Definitions

As used in this ordinance, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following definitions apply:

- (a) Accelerated Erosion - means any increase over the rate of natural erosion as a result of land-disturbing activity.
- (b) Act - means the North Carolina Sedimentation Pollution Control Act of 1973 and all rules and orders adopted pursuant to it as amended from time to time.
- (c) Adequate Erosion Control Measure, Structure, or Device - means one which controls the soil material within the land area under responsible control of the person conducting the land-disturbing activity.
- (d) Affiliate – means a person that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control of another person.

- (e) Being Conducted - means a land-disturbing activity has been initiated and permanent stabilization of the site has not been completed.
- (f) Borrow - means fill material which is required for on-site construction and is obtained from other locations.
- (g) Buffer Zone - means the strip of land adjacent to a lake or natural watercourse.
- (h) Coastal Counties - means the following counties: Beaufort, Bertie, Brunswick, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Craven, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Hyde, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Washington.
- (i) Commission - means the North Carolina Sedimentation Control Commission.
- (j) Completion of Construction or Development - means that no further land-disturbing activity is required on a phase of a project except that which is necessary for establishing a permanent ground cover.
- (k) Department - means the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality
- (l) Director - means the Director of the Division of Energy Mineral and Land Resources of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.
- (m) Discharge Point - means that point at which storm water runoff leaves a tract of land.
- (n) Energy Dissipator - means a structure or a shaped channel section with mechanical armoring placed at the outlet of pipes or conduits to receive and break down the energy from high velocity flow.
- (o) Erosion - means the wearing away of land surfaces by the action of wind, water, gravity, or any combination thereof.
- (p) Ground Cover - means any natural vegetative growth or other material which renders the soil surface stable against accelerated erosion.
- (q) High Quality Waters - means those classified as such in 15A NCAC 2B.0101(e) (5) - General Procedures, which is incorporated herein by reference to include further amendments pursuant to G.S. 150B-14(c).
- (r) High Quality Water (HQW) Zones –means, for the Coastal Counties, areas within 575 feet of High Quality Waters; and for the remainder of the state, areas within

one mile and draining to HQW's.

- (s) Lake or Natural Watercourse – means any stream, river, brook, swamp, sound, bay, creek, run, branch, canal, waterway, estuary, and any reservoir, lake or pond, natural or impounded in which sediment may be moved or carried in suspension, and which could be damaged by accumulation of sediment.
- (t) Land-disturbing Activity - means any use of the land by any person in residential, industrial, educational, institutional, or commercial development, highway and road construction and maintenance that results in a change in the natural cover or topography and that may cause or contribute to sedimentation.
- (u) Local Government - means any county, incorporated village, town or city, or any combination of counties, incorporated villages, towns, and cities, acting through a joint program pursuant to the provisions of the Act.
- (v) Natural Erosion - means the wearing away of the earth's surface by water, wind, or other natural agents under natural environmental conditions undisturbed by man.
- (w) Parent – means an affiliate that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls another person.
- (x) Person - means any individual, partnership, firm, association, joint venture, public or private corporation, trust, estate, commission, board, public or private institution, utility, cooperative, interstate body, or other legal entity.
- (y) Person Conducting land-Disturbing Activity - means any person who may be held responsible for a violation unless expressly provided otherwise by this Ordinance, the Act, or any order adopted pursuant to this Ordinance or the Act.
- (z) Person Responsible for the Violation - means:
  - (1) the developer or other person who has or holds himself out as having financial or operation control over the land-disturbing activity; or
  - (2) the landowner or person in possession or control of the land that has directly or indirectly allowed the land-disturbing activity, or benefited from it or failed to comply with a duty imposed by any provision of this Ordinance, the Act, or any order adopted pursuant to this Ordinance or the Act.
- (aa) Phase of Grading - means one of two types of grading: rough or fine.
- (bb) Plan - means an erosion and sedimentation control plan

- (cc) Sediment - means solid particulate matter, both mineral and organic, that has been or is being transported by water, air, gravity, or ice from its site of origin.
- (dd) Sedimentation - means the process by which sediment resulting from accelerated erosion has been or is being transported off the site of the land-disturbing activity or into a lake or natural watercourse.
- (ee) Siltation - means sediment resulting from accelerated erosion which is settleable or removable by properly designed, constructed, and maintained control measures; and which has been transported from its point of origin within the site of a land-disturbing activity; and which has been deposited, or is in suspension in water.
- (ff) Storm Drainage Facilities - means the system of inlets, conduits, channels, ditches and appurtenances which serve to collect and convey storm water through and from a given drainage area.
- (gg) Storm Water Runoff - means the surface flow of water resulting from precipitation in any form and occurring immediately after rainfall or melting.
- (hh) Subsidiary – means an affiliate that is directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controlled by another person.
- (ii) Ten-Year Storm - means a rainfall of an intensity expected to be equaled or exceeded, on the average, once in ten years, and of a duration which will produce the maximum peak rate of runoff for the watershed of interest under average antecedent wetness conditions.
- (jj) Tract - means all contiguous land and bodies of water being disturbed or to be disturbed as a unit, regardless of ownership.
- (kk) Twenty-five Year Storm - means a rainfall of an intensity expected to be equaled or exceeded on the average, once in 25 years, and of a duration which will produce the maximum peak rate of runoff for the watershed of interest under average antecedent wetness conditions.
- (ll) Uncovered - means the removal of ground cover from, on, or above the soil surface.
- (mm) Undertaken - means the initiating of any activity, or phase of activity, which results or will result in a change in the ground cover or topography of a tract of land.
- (nn) Velocity - means the average velocity of flow through the cross section of the main channel at the peak flow of the storm of interest. The cross section of the

main channel shall be that area defined by the geometry of the channel plus the area of flow below the flood height defined by vertical lines at the main channel banks. Overload flows are not to be included for the purpose of computing velocity of flow.

- (oo) Waste - means surplus materials resulting from on-site land-disturbing activities and being disposed of at other locations.
- (pp) Working Days - means days exclusive of Saturday and Sunday, and Federal and State holidays during which weather conditions or soil conditions permit land-disturbing activity to be undertaken.

58.604 Scope and Exclusions

- (a) Geographical Scope of Regulated Land-Disturbing Activity. This ordinance shall apply to land-disturbing activity within the territorial jurisdiction of the Town of Weddington, as allowed by agreement between local governments, the extent of annexation or other appropriate legal instrument or law.
- (b) Exclusions from Regulated Land-Disturbing Activity. Notwithstanding the general applicability of this ordinance to all land-disturbing activity, this ordinance shall not apply to the following types of land-disturbing activity:
  - (1) Activities, including the production and activities relating or incidental to the production of crops, grains, fruits, vegetables, ornamental and flowering plants, dairy, livestock, poultry, and all other forms of agriculture undertaken on agricultural land for the production of plants and animals useful to man, including, but not limited to:
    - (i) forage and sod crops, grain and feed crops, tobacco, cotton, and peanuts.
    - (ii) dairy animals and dairy products.
    - (iii) poultry and poultry products.
    - (iv) livestock, including beef cattle, llamas, sheep, swine, horses, ponies, mules, and goats.
    - (v) bees and apiary products.
    - (vi) fur producing animals.
    - (vii) mulch, ornamental plants, and other horticultural products. For purposes of this section, "mulch" means substances composed primarily of plant remains or mixtures of such substances.

- (2) An Activity undertaken on forestland for the production and harvesting of timber and timber products and conducted in accordance with standards defined by the Forest Practice Guidelines Related to Water Quality (Best Management Practices), as adopted by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. If land-disturbing activity undertaken on forestland for the production and harvesting of timber and timber products is not conducted in accordance with standards defined by the Forest Practice Guidelines Related to Water Quality, the provisions of this ordinance shall apply to such activity and any related land-disturbing activity on the tract.
  - (3) An activity for which a permit is required under the Mining Act of 1971, Article 7 of Chapter 74 of the General Statutes.
  - (4) A land-disturbing activity over which the State has exclusive regulatory jurisdiction as provided in G.S. 113A-56(a).
  - (5) An activity which is essential to protect human life during an emergency.
  - (6) Activities undertaken to restore the wetland functions of converted wetlands to provide compensatory mitigation to offset impacts permitted under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.
  - (7) Activities undertaken pursuant to Natural Resources Conservation Service standards to restore the wetlands functions of converted wetlands as defined in Title 7 Code of Federal Regulations § 12.2
- (c) Plan Approval Requirement for Land-Disturbing Activity. No person shall undertake any land-disturbing activity subject to this ordinance without first obtaining a Plan approval therefor from the Town of Weddington.
  - (d) Protection of Property - Persons conducting land-disturbing activity shall take all reasonable measures to protect all public and private property from damage caused by such activity.
  - (e) More Restrictive Rules Shall Apply - Whenever conflicts exist between federal, state, or local laws, ordinance, or rules, the more restrictive provision shall apply.
  - (f) Plan Approval Exceptions. Notwithstanding the general requirement to obtain a Plan approval prior to undertaking land-disturbing activity, a Plan approval shall not be required for land-disturbing activity that does not exceed 1 acre in surface area. In determining the area, lands under one or diverse ownership being developed as a unit will be aggregated.



No land-disturbing activity subject to the control of this ordinance shall be undertaken except in accordance with the following mandatory standards:

(a) Buffer zone

(1) Standard Buffer. No land-disturbing activity during periods of construction or improvement to land shall be permitted in proximity to a lake or natural watercourse unless a buffer zone is provided along the margin of the watercourse of sufficient width to confine visible siltation within the twenty-five percent (25%) of the buffer zone nearest the land-disturbing activity.

(i) Projects On, Over or Under Water. This subdivision shall not apply to a land-disturbing activity in connection with the construction of facilities to be located on, over, or under a lake or natural watercourse.

(ii) Buffer Measurement. Unless otherwise provided, the width of a buffer zone is measured horizontally from the edge of the water to the nearest edge of the disturbed area, with the 25 percent of the strip nearer the land-disturbing activity containing natural or artificial means of confining visible siltation.

(b) Graded Slopes and Fills. The angle for graded slopes and fills shall be no greater than the angle that can be retained by vegetative cover or other adequate erosion control devices or structures. In any event, slopes left exposed will, within 21 calendar days of completion of any phase of grading, be planted or otherwise provided with temporary or permanent ground cover, devices, or structures sufficient to restrain erosion. The angle for graded slopes and fills must be demonstrated to be stable. Stable is the condition where the soil remains in its original configuration, with or without mechanical constraints.

(c) Fill Material. Unless a permit from the Department's Division of Waste Management to operate a landfill is on file for the official site, acceptable fill material shall be free of organic or other degradable materials, masonry, concrete and brick in sizes exceeding twelve (12) inches, and any materials which would cause the site to be regulated as a landfill by the State of North Carolina.

(d) Ground Cover. Whenever land-disturbing activity that will disturb more than one acre is undertaken on a tract, the person conducting the land-disturbing activity shall install erosion and sedimentation control devices and practices that are sufficient to retain the sediment generated by the land disturbing activity within the boundaries of the tract during construction upon and development of said tract, and shall plant or otherwise provide a permanent ground cover sufficient to

restrain erosion after completion of construction or development. Provisions for a ground cover sufficient to restrain erosion shall be accomplished within 60 calendar days following completion of construction or development, whichever period is shorter.

- (e) Prior Plan Approval. No person shall initiate any land-disturbing activity that will disturb more than one acre on a tract unless, thirty (30) or more days prior to initiating the activity, a Plan for the activity is filed with and approved by the Town of Weddington. An erosion and sedimentation control plan may be filed less than 30 days prior to initiation of a land-disturbing activity if the plan is submitted under an approved express permit program. The land-disturbing activity may be initiated and conducted in accordance with the plan once the plan has been approved.

The Town of Weddington shall forward to the Director of the Division of Water Resources a copy of each Plan for a land-disturbing activity that involves the utilization of ditches for the purpose of de-watering or lowering the water table of the tract.

- (f) The land-disturbing activity shall be conducted in accordance with the approved erosion and sedimentation control plan.

58.606 Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plans

- (a) Plan Submission. A Plan shall be prepared for all land-disturbing activities subject to this ordinance whenever the proposed activity will disturb more than one acre on a tract. Three (3) copies of the Plan shall be filed with the Town of Weddington.
- (b) Financial Responsibility and Ownership. Plans may be disapproved unless accompanied by an authorized statement of financial responsibility and ownership. This statement shall be signed by the person financially responsible for the land-disturbing activity or his attorney in fact. The statement shall include the mailing and street addresses of the principal place of business of (1) the person financially responsible, (2) the owner of the land, and (3) any registered agents. If the person financially responsible is not a resident of North Carolina, a North Carolina agent must be designated in the statement for the purpose of receiving notice of compliance or non-compliance with the Plan, the Act, this ordinance, or rules or orders adopted or issued pursuant to this ordinance. Except as provided in subsections (b1) or (j) of this section, if the applicant is not the owner of the land to be disturbed, the draft erosion and sedimentation control plan must include the owner's written consent for the applicant to submit a draft erosion and sedimentation control plan and to conduct the anticipated land-disturbing activity.

- (b1) If the applicant is not the owner of the land to be disturbed and the anticipated land-disturbing activity involves the construction of utility lines for the provision of water, sewer, gas, telecommunications, or electrical service, the draft erosion and sedimentation control plan may be submitted without the written consent of the owner of the land, so long as the owner of the land has been provided prior notice of the project.
- (c) Environmental Policy Act Document. Any Plan submitted for a land-disturbing activity for which an environmental document is required by the North Carolina Environment Policy Act (G.S. 113A-1, et seq.) shall be deemed incomplete until a complete environmental document is available for review. The Town of Weddington shall promptly notify the person submitting the Plan that the 30-day time limit for review of the Plan pursuant to this ordinance shall not begin until a complete environmental document is available for review.
- (d) Content. The Plan required by this section shall contain architectural or engineering drawings, maps, assumptions, calculations, and narrative statements as needed to adequately describe the proposed development of the tract and the measures planned to comply with the requirements of this ordinance. Plan content may vary to meet the needs of specific site requirements. Detailed guidelines for Plan preparation may be obtained from the Town of Weddington on request.
- (e) Soil and Water Conservation District Comments. The District shall review the Plan and submit any comments and recommendations to Town of Weddington within 20 days after the District received the Plan, or within any shorter period of time as may be agreed upon by the District and the Town of Weddington). Failure of the District to submit its comments and recommendations within 20 days or within any agreed-upon shorter period of time shall not delay final action on the Plan.
- (f) Timeline for Decisions on Plans. The Town of Weddington will review each complete Plan submitted and within 30 days of receipt thereof will notify the person submitting the Plan that it has been approved, approved with modifications, or disapproved. Failure to approve, approve with modifications, or disapprove a complete Plan within 30 days of receipt shall be deemed approval. The Town of Weddington will review each revised Plan submitted and within 15 days of receipt thereof will notify the person submitting the Plan that it has been approved, approved with modifications, or disapproved. Failure to approve, approve with modifications, or disapprove a revised Plan within 15 days of receipt shall be deemed approval.

- (g) Approval. The Town of Weddington shall only approve a Plan upon determining that it complies with all applicable State and local regulations for erosion and sedimentation control. Approval assumes the applicant's compliance with the federal and state water quality laws, regulations and rules. The Town of Weddington shall condition approval of Plans upon the applicant's compliance with federal and state water quality laws, regulations and rules. The Town of Weddington may establish an expiration date, not to exceed three (3) years, for Plans approved under this ordinance.
- (h) Disapproval for Content. The Town of Weddington may disapprove a Plan or draft Plan based on its content. A disapproval based upon a Plan's content must specifically state in writing the reasons for disapproval.
- (i) Other Disapprovals. The Town of Weddington shall disapprove an erosion and sedimentation control plan if implementation of the plan would result in a violation of rules adopted by the Environmental Management Commission to protect riparian buffers along surface waters. The Town of Weddington may disapprove an erosion and sedimentation control plan or disapprove a transfer of a plan under subsection (j) of this section upon finding that an applicant or a parent, subsidiary, or other affiliate of the applicant:
  - (1) Is conducting or has conducted land-disturbing activity without an approved plan or has received notice of violation of a plan previously approved by the Commission or a local government pursuant to this Article and has not complied with the notice within the time specified in the notice.
  - (2) Has failed to pay a civil penalty assessed pursuant to this Article or a local ordinance adopted pursuant to this Article by the time the payment is due.
  - (3) Has been convicted of a misdemeanor pursuant to G.S. 113A-64(b) or any criminal provision of a local ordinance adopted pursuant to this Article.
  - (4) Has failed to substantially comply with State rules or local ordinances and regulations adopted pursuant to this Article.

In the event that an erosion and sedimentation control plan or a transfer of a plan is disapproved by the Town of Weddington pursuant to subsection (i) of this section, the local government shall so notify the Director of the Division of Energy, Mineral, and Land Resources within 10 days of the disapproval. The Town of Weddington shall advise the applicant or the proposed transferee and the Director in writing as to the specific reasons that the plan was disapproved. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 58.617(a), the applicant may appeal the local government's disapproval of the plan directly to the Commission.

For purposes of this subsection, an applicant's record or the proposed transferee's record may be considered for only the two years prior to the application date.

- (j) The Town of Weddington administering an erosion and sedimentation control program may transfer an erosion and sedimentation control plan approved pursuant to this section without the consent of the plan holder to a successor-owner of the property on which the permitted activity is occurring or will occur as provided in this subsection.
  - (1) The Town of Weddington may transfer a plan if all of the following conditions are met:
    - a. The successor-owner of the property submits to the local government a written request for the transfer of the plan and an authorized statement of financial responsibility and ownership.
    - b. The Town of Weddington finds all of the following:
      - 1. The plan holder is one of the following:
        - I. A natural person who is deceased.
        - II. A partnership, limited liability corporation, corporation, or any other business association that has been dissolved.
        - III. A person who has been lawfully and finally divested of title to the property on which the permitted activity is occurring or will occur.
        - IV. A person who has sold the property on which the permitted activity is occurring or will occur.
      - 2. The successor-owner holds title to the property on which the permitted activity is occurring or will occur.
      - 3. The successor-owner is the sole claimant of the right to engage in the permitted activity.
      - 4. There will be no substantial change in the permitted activity.
  - (2) The plan holder shall comply with all terms and conditions of the plan until such time as the plan is transferred.
  - (3) The successor-owner shall comply with all terms and conditions of the plan once the plan has been transferred.
  - (4) Notwithstanding changes to law made after the original issuance of the plan, the Town of Weddington may not impose new or different terms and conditions in the plan without the prior express consent of the successor-owner. Nothing in this subsection shall prevent the Town of Weddington from requiring a revised plan pursuant to G.S. 113A-54.1(b).
  
- (k) Notice of Activity Initiation. No person may initiate a land-disturbing activity before notifying the agency that issued the Plan approval of the date that land-disturbing activity will begin.

- (l) Preconstruction Conference. When deemed necessary by the approving authority a preconstruction conference may be required.
- (m) Display of Plan Approval. A Plan approval issued under this article shall be prominently displayed until all construction is complete, all permanent sedimentation and erosion control measures are installed, and the site has been stabilized. A copy of the approved plan shall be kept on file at the job site.
- (n) Required Revisions. After approving a Plan, if the Town of Weddington either upon review of such Plan or on inspection of the job site, determines that a significant risk of accelerated erosion or off-site sedimentation exists, the Town of Weddington, shall require a revised Plan. Pending the preparation of the revised Plan, work shall cease or shall continue under conditions outlined by the appropriate authority. If following commencement of a land-disturbing activity pursuant to an approved Plan, the Town of Weddington determines that the Plan is inadequate to meet the requirements of this ordinance, the Town of Weddington, may require any revision of the Plan that is necessary to comply with this ordinance.
- (o) Amendment to a Plan. Applications for amendment of a Plan in written and/or graphic form may be made at any time under the same conditions as the original application. Until such time as said amendment is approved by the Town of Weddington, the land-disturbing activity shall not proceed except in accordance with the Plan as originally approved.
- (p) Failure to File a Plan. Any person engaged in land-disturbing activity who fails to file a Plan in accordance with this ordinance, or who conducts a land-disturbing activity except in accordance with provisions of an approved Plan shall be deemed in violation of this ordinance.
- (q) Self-Inspections. The landowner, the financially responsible party, or the landowner's or the financially responsible party's agent shall perform an inspection of the area covered by the plan after each phase of the plan has been completed and after establishment of temporary ground cover in accordance with G.S. 113A-57(2). The person who performs the inspection shall maintain and make available a record of the inspection at the site of the land-disturbing activity. The record shall set out any significant deviation from the approved erosion control plan, identify any measures that may be required to correct the deviation, and document the completion of those measures. The record shall be maintained until permanent ground cover has been established as required by the approved erosion and sedimentation control plan. The inspections required by this subsection shall be in addition to inspections required by G.S. 113A-61.1.

Where inspections are required by Section 158.606(q) of this Ordinance and G.S. 113A-54.1(e), the following apply:

- (i) The person who performs the inspection shall make a record of the site inspection by documenting the following items:
- (a) all of the erosion and sedimentation control measures, practices and devices, as called for in a construction sequence consistent with the approved erosion and sedimentation control plan, including but not limited to sedimentation control basins, sedimentation traps, sedimentation ponds, rock dams, temporary diversions, temporary slope drains, rock check dams, sediment fence or barriers, all forms of inlet protection, storm drainage facilities, energy dissipaters, and stabilization methods of open channels, have initially been installed and do not significantly deviate (as defined in Sub-item (1)(e) of this Rule) from the locations, dimensions and relative elevations shown on the approved erosion and sedimentation plan. Such documentation shall be accomplished by initialing and dating each measure or practice shown on a copy of the approved erosion and sedimentation control plan or by completing, dating and signing an inspection report that lists each measure, practice or device shown on the approved erosion and sedimentation control plan. This documentation is required only upon the initial installation of the erosion and sedimentation control measures, practices and devices as set forth by the approved erosion and sedimentation control plan or if the measures, practices and devices are modified after initial installation;
  - (b) the completion of any phase of grading for all graded slopes and fills shown on the approved erosion and sedimentation control plan, specifically noting the location and condition of the graded slopes and fills. Such documentation shall be accomplished by initialing and dating a copy of the approved erosion and sedimentation control plan or by completing, dating and signing an inspection report;
  - (c) the location of temporary or permanent ground cover, and that the installation of the ground cover does not significantly deviate (as defined in paragraph (e) of this subpart) from the approved erosion and sedimentation control plan. Such documentation shall be accomplished by initialing and dating a copy of the approved erosion and sedimentation control plan or by completing, dating and signing an inspection report;
  - (d) that maintenance and repair requirements for all temporary and permanent erosion and sedimentation control measures, practices and devices have been performed. Such documentation shall be accomplished by completing, dating and signing an inspection report (the general storm water permit monitoring form may be used to verify the maintenance and repair requirements); and
  - (e) any significant deviations from the approved erosion and sedimentation control plan, corrective actions required to correct the deviation and completion of the corrective actions. Such documentation shall be accomplished by initialing and dating a copy of the approved erosion and

sedimentation control plan or by completing, dating and signing an inspection report. A significant deviation means an omission, alteration or relocation of an erosion or sedimentation control measure that prevents the measure from performing as intended.

- (ii) The documentation, whether on a copy of the approved erosion and sedimentation control plan or an inspection report, shall include the name, address, affiliation, telephone number, and signature of the person conducting the inspection and the date of the inspection. Any relevant licenses and certifications may also be included. Any documentation of inspections that occur on a copy of the approved erosion and sedimentation control plan shall occur on a single copy of the plan and that plan shall be made available on the site. Any inspection reports shall also be made available on the site.
- (iii) The inspection shall be performed during or after each of the following phases of a plan:
  - (a) installation of perimeter erosion and sediment control measures;
  - (b) clearing and grubbing of existing ground cover;
  - (c) completion of any phase of grading of slopes or fills that requires provision of temporary or permanent ground cover pursuant to G.S. 113A-57(2);
  - (d) completion of storm drainage facilities;
  - (e) completion of construction or development; and
  - (f) quarterly until the establishment of permanent ground cover sufficient to restrain erosion or until the financially responsible party has conveyed ownership or control of the tract of land for which the erosion and sedimentation control plan has been approved and the agency that approved the plan has been notified. If the financially responsible party has conveyed ownership or control of the tract of land for which the erosion and sedimentation control plan has been approved, the new owner or person in control shall conduct and document inspections quarterly until the establishment of permanent ground cover sufficient to restrain erosion.

58.607      Basic Control Objectives

An erosion and sedimentation control Plan may be disapproved if the Plan fails to address the following control objectives:

- (a) Identify Critical Areas - On-site areas which are subject to severe erosion, and off-site areas which are especially vulnerable to damage from erosion and/or sedimentation, are to be identified and receive special attention.
- (b) Limit Time of Exposure - All land-disturbing activities are to be planned and conducted to limit exposure to the shortest feasible time.
- (c) Limit Exposed Areas - All land-disturbing activity is to be planned and conducted



to minimize the size of the area to be exposed at any one time.

- (d) Control Surface Water - Surface water runoff originating upgrate of exposed areas should be controlled to reduce erosion and sediment loss during the period of exposure.
- (e) Control Sedimentation - All land-disturbing activity is to be planned and conducted so as to prevent off-site sedimentation damage.
- (f) Manage Storm Water Runoff - When the increase in the velocity of storm water runoff resulting from a land-disturbing activity is sufficient to cause accelerated erosion of the receiving watercourse, a Plan is to include measures to control the velocity to the point of discharge so as to minimize accelerated erosion of the site and increased sedimentation of the stream.

58.608 Design and Performance Standards

- (a) Erosion and sedimentation control measures, structures, and devices shall be planned, designed, and constructed to provide protection from the calculated maximum peak rate of runoff from the ten-year storm. Runoff rates shall be calculated using the procedures in the USDA, Soil Conservation Service's "National Engineering Field Manual for Conservation Practices", or other acceptable calculation procedures.

58.609 Storm Water Outlet Protection

- (a) Intent. Stream banks and channels downstream from any land disturbing activity shall be protected from increased degradation by accelerated erosion caused by increased velocity of runoff from the land disturbing activity.
- (b) Performance standard. Persons shall conduct land-disturbing activity so that the post construction velocity of the 10-year storm runoff in the receiving watercourse to the discharge point does not exceed the greater of:
  - (1) the velocity established by the Maximum Permissible Velocities Table set out within this subsection; or
  - (2) the velocity of the ten-year storm runoff in the receiving watercourse prior to development.

If condition (1) or (2) of this Paragraph cannot be met, then the receiving watercourse to and including the discharge point shall be designed and constructed to withstand the expected velocity anywhere the velocity exceeds the

“prior to development” velocity by 10%.

Maximum Permissible Velocities Table

The following is a table for maximum permissible velocity for storm water discharges in feet per second (F.P.S.) and meters per second (M.P.S.):

<u>Material</u>	F.P.S.	M.P.S.
Fine sand (noncolloidal)	2.5	.8
Sandy loam (noncolloidal)	2.5	.8
Silt loam (noncolloidal)	3.0	.9
Ordinary firm loam	3.5	1.1
Fine gravel	5.0	1.5
Stiff clay (very colloidal)	5.0	1.5
Graded, loam to cobbles (noncolloidal)	5.0	1.5
Graded, silt to cobbles (Colloidal)	5.5	1.7
Alluvial silts (noncolloidal)	3.5	1.1
Alluvial silts (colloidal)	5.0	1.5
Coarse gravel (noncolloidal)	6.0	1.8
Cobbles and shingles	5.5	1.7
Shales and hard pans	6.0	1.8

Source - Adapted from recommendations by Special Committee on Irrigation Research, American Society of Civil Engineers, 1926, for channels with straight alignment. For sinuous channels, multiply allowable velocity by 0.95 for slightly sinuous, by 0.9 for moderately sinuous channels, and by 0.8 for highly sinuous channels.

(c) Acceptable Management Measures - Measures applied alone or in combination to satisfy the intent of this section are acceptable if there are no objectionable secondary consequences. The Town of Weddington recognizes that the management of storm water runoff to minimize or control downstream channel and bank erosion is a developing technology. Innovative techniques and ideas will be considered and may be used when shown to have the potential to produce successful results. Some alternatives, while not exhaustive, are to:

- (1) Avoid increases in surface runoff volume and velocity by including measures to promote infiltration to compensate for increased runoff from areas rendered impervious;

- (2) Avoid increases in storm water discharge velocities by using vegetated or roughened swales and waterways in lieu of closed drains and high velocity paved sections:
  - (3) Provide energy dissipators at outlets of storm drainage facilities to reduce flow velocities to the point of discharge;
  - (4) Protect watercourses subject to accelerated erosion by improving cross sections and/or providing erosion-resistant lining; and
  - (5) Upgrade or replace the receiving device structure, or watercourse such that it will receive and conduct the flow to a point where it is no longer subject to degradation from the increased rate of flow or increased velocity.
- (d) Exceptions - This rule shall not apply where it can be demonstrated to the Town of Weddington, that storm water discharge velocities will not create an erosion problem in the receiving watercourse.

#### 58.610 Borrow and Waste Areas

When the person conducting the land-disturbing activity is also the person conducting the borrow or waste disposal activity, areas from which borrow is obtained and which are not regulated by the provisions of the Mining Act of 1971, and waste areas for surplus materials other than landfills regulated by the Department's Division of Waste Management shall be considered as part of the land-disturbing activity where the borrow material is being used or from which the waste material originated. When the person conducting the land-disturbing activity is not the person obtaining the borrow and/or disposing of the waste, these areas shall be considered a separate land-disturbing activity.

#### 58.611 Access and Haul Roads

Temporary access and haul roads, other than public roads, constructed or used in connection with any land-disturbing activity shall be considered a part of such activity.

#### 58.612 Operations in Lakes or Natural Watercourses

Land disturbing activity in connection with construction in, on, over, or under a lake or natural watercourse shall minimize the extent and duration of disruption of the stream channel. Where relocation of a stream forms an essential part of the proposed activity, the relocation shall minimize unnecessary changes in the stream flow characteristics.

#### 58.613 Responsibility for Maintenance

During the development of a site, the person conducting the land-disturbing activity shall install and maintain all temporary and permanent erosion and sedimentation control measures as required by the approved plan or any provision of this Ordinance, the Act, or any order adopted pursuant to this ordinance or the Act. After site development, the landowner or person in possession or control of the land shall install and/or maintain all necessary permanent erosion and sediment control measures, except those measures installed within a road or street right-of-way or easement accepted for maintenance by a governmental agency.

#### 58.614 Additional Measures

Whenever the Town of Weddington, determines that significant erosion and sedimentation is occurring as a result of land-disturbing activity, despite application and maintenance of protective practices, the person conducting the land-disturbing activity will be required to and shall take additional protective action.

#### 58.615 Fees

- (a) The Town of Weddington, has established a fee schedule for the review and approval of Plans and has considered the administrative and personnel costs incurred for reviewing the Plans and for related compliance activities.

#### 58.616 Plan Appeals

- (a) Except as provided in Section 58.617(b) of this ordinance, the appeal of a disapproval or approval with modifications of a Plan shall governed by the following provisions:
  - (1) The disapproval or modification of any proposed Plan by the Town of Weddington, shall entitle the person submitting the Plan to a public hearing if such person submits written demand for a hearing within 15 days after receipt of written notice of disapproval or modifications.
  - (2) A hearing held pursuant to this section shall be conducted by the Town of Weddington, Storm Water Board, within 30 days after the date of the appeal or request for a hearing.
  - (3) The Storm Water Board conducting the hearings shall make recommendations to the governing body of the Town of Weddington, within 30 days after the date of the hearing on any Plan.

- (4) The Governing Body of the Town of Weddington, will render its final decision on any Plan within 30 days of receipt of the recommendations from the Storm Water Board conducting the hearing.
  - (5) If the Town of Weddington upholds the disapproval or modification of a proposed Plan following the hearing, the person submitting the Plan shall then be entitled to appeal the Town of Weddington's decision to the Commission as provided in G.S. 113A-61(c) and 15A NCAC 4B .0118(d)
- (b) In the event that a Plan is disapproved pursuant to Section 58.606(i) of this ordinance, the applicant may appeal the Town of Weddington's disapproval of the Plan directly to the Commission.

#### 58.617 Inspections and Investigations

- (a) Inspection. Agents, officials, or other qualified persons authorized by the, Town of Weddington, will periodically inspect land-disturbing activities to ensure compliance with the Act, this ordinance, or rules or orders adopted or issued pursuant to this ordinance, and to determine whether the measures required in the Plan are effective in controlling erosion and sedimentation resulting from land-disturbing activity. Notice of the right to inspect shall be included in the certificate of approval of each Plan.
- (b) Willful Resistance, Delay or Obstruction. No person shall willfully resist, delay, or obstruct an authorized representative, employee, or agent of the Town of Weddington, while that person is inspecting or attempting to inspect a land-disturbing activity under this section.
- (c) Notice of Violation. If the Town of Weddington determines that a person engaged in land-disturbing activity has failed to comply with the Act, this ordinance, or rules, or orders adopted or issued pursuant to this ordinance, a notice of violation shall be served upon that person. The notice may be served by any means authorized under GS 1A-1, Rule 4. The notice shall specify a date by which the person must comply with the Act, or this ordinance, or rules, or orders adopted pursuant to this ordinance, and inform the person of the actions that need to be taken to comply with the Act, this ordinance, or rules or orders adopted pursuant to this ordinance. Any person who fails to comply within the time specified is subject to additional civil and criminal penalties for a continuing violation as provided in G.S. 113A-64 and this ordinance.
- (d) Investigation. The Town of Weddington, shall have the power to conduct such investigation as it may reasonably deem necessary to carry out its duties as prescribed in this ordinance, and for this purpose to enter at reasonable times upon

any property, public or private, for the purpose of investigating and inspecting the sites of any land-disturbing activity.

- (e) Statements and Reports. The Town of Weddington shall also have the power to require written statements, or filing of reports under oath, with respect to pertinent questions relating to land-disturbing activity.

#### 58.618 Penalties

- (a) Civil Penalties

- (1) Civil Penalty for a Violation. Any person who violates any of the provisions of the Act, this ordinance, or any rule or order adopted or issued pursuant to the Act, this ordinance, or who initiates or continues a land-disturbing activity for which a Plan is required except in accordance with the terms, conditions, and provisions of an approved Plan, is subject to a civil penalty. The maximum civil penalty amount that the Town of Weddington may assess per violation is five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00). A civil penalty may be assessed from the date of the violation. Each day of a continuing violation shall constitute a separate violation. When the person has not been assessed any civil penalty under this subsection for any previous violation, and that person abated continuing environmental damage resulting from the violation within 180 days from the date of the notice of violation, the maximum cumulative total civil penalty assessed under this subsection for all violations associated with the land-disturbing activity for which the erosion and sedimentation control plan is required is twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000).
- (2) Civil Penalty Assessment Factors. The governing body of the Town of Weddington shall determine the amount of the civil penalty based upon the following factors:
  - (i) the degree and extent of harm caused by the violation,
  - (ii) the cost of rectifying the damage,
  - (iii) the amount of money the violator saved by noncompliance,
  - (iv) whether the violation was committed willfully, and
  - (v) the prior record of the violator in complying or failing to comply with the Act, or any ordinance, rule, or order adopted or issued to the Act by the Commission or by a Local Government.
- (3) Notice of Civil Penalty Assessment. The governing body of the Town of Weddington shall provide notice of the civil penalty amount and basis for assessment to the person assessed. The notice of assessment shall be served by any means authorized under G.S. 1A-1, Rule 4. A notice of assessment by the Town of Weddington shall direct the violator to either pay the assessment, contest the assessment within 30 days by filing a

petition for hearing with the Town of Weddington (in accordance with the procedures of Chapter 58 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Weddington), or file a request with the Sedimentation Control Commission for remission of the assessment within 60 days of receipt of the notice of assessment. A remission request must be accompanied by a waiver of the right to a contested case hearing pursuant to Chapter 150B of the North Carolina General Statutes and a stipulation of the facts on which the assessment was based.

- (4) Final Decision: The final decision on contested assessments shall be made by the governing body of the Town of Weddington in accordance with Chapter 58 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Weddington.
- (5) Appeal of Final Decision. Appeal from the final decision of the governing body of the Town of Weddington shall be to the Superior Court of the county where the violation occurred. Such appeals must be made within 30 days of the final decision of the governing body of the Town of Weddington
- (6) Collection. If payment is not received within 60 days after it is due, the Town of Weddington may institute a civil action to recover the amount of the assessment. The civil action may be brought in the Superior Court of the county where the violation occurred, or the violator's residence or principal place of business is located. Such civil actions must be filed within three (3) years of the date the assessment was due. An assessment that is not contested, and remission is not requested, is due when the violator is served with a notice of assessment. An assessment that is contested, or remission is requested, is due at the conclusion of the administrative and judicial review of the assessment or request for remission.
- (7) Credit of Civil Penalties. The clear proceeds of civil penalties collected by the Town of Weddington under this subsection shall be remitted to the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund in accordance with G.S. 115C-457.2. Penalties collected by the Town of Weddington may be diminished only by the actual costs of collection. The collection cost percentage to be used shall be established and approved by the North Carolina Office of State Budget and Management on an annual basis, based upon the computation of actual collection costs by each Town of Weddington for the prior fiscal year.

In any event, the cost percentage shall not exceed twenty percent (20%) of penalties collected.]

- (b) Criminal Penalties. Any person who knowingly or willfully violates any

provision of the Act, this ordinance, or any rule or order adopted or issued pursuant to the Act or this ordinance, or who knowingly or willfully initiates or continues a land-disturbing activity for which a Plan is required except in accordance with the terms, conditions, and provisions of an approved Plan, shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor which may include a fine not to exceed \$5,000 as provided in G.S. § 113A-64.

#### 58.619 Injunctive Relief

- (a) Violation of Local Program. Whenever the governing body has reasonable cause to believe that any person is violating or threatening to violate any ordinance, rule, regulation or order adopted or issued by the Town of Weddington, or any term, condition, or provision of an approved Plan, it may, either before or after the institution of any other action or proceeding authorized by this ordinance, institute a civil action in the name of the Town of Weddington, for injunctive relief to restrain the violation or threatened violation. The action shall be brought in the superior court of the county in which the violation is occurring or is threatened.
  
- (b) Abatement of Violation. Upon determination by a court that an alleged violation is occurring or is threatened, the court shall enter any order or judgment that is necessary to abate the violation, to ensure that restoration is performed, or to prevent the threatened violation. The institution of an action for injunctive relief under this section shall not relieve any party to the proceedings from any civil or criminal penalty prescribed for violations of this ordinance.

#### 58.620 Restoration After Non-Compliance

The Town of Weddington may require a person who engaged in a land-disturbing activity and failed to retain sediment generated by the activity, as required by G.S. 113A-57 (3), to restore the waters and land affected by the failure so as to minimize the detrimental effects of the resulting pollution by sedimentation. This authority is in addition to any other civil or criminal penalty or injunctive relief authorized under this ordinance.

#### 58.621 Severability

If any section or section or sections of this ordinance is/are held to be invalid or unenforceable, all other sections shall nevertheless continue in full force and effect.

#### 58.622 Effective Date

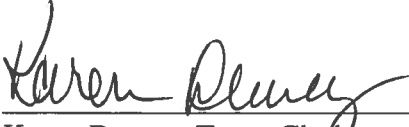
This ordinance becomes effective on \_\_\_\_\_.



Approved October 14, 2019 by unanimous vote of the Weddington Town Council

  
Elizabeth Callis, Mayor

Attest:

  
Karen Dewey, Town Clerk