



City of Desert Hot Springs Engineering Department Grading Policy

Date Issued: September 29, 2022

Effective: Immediately

Effective September 29, 2022, the City of Desert Hot Springs shall be implementing the following grading policy for all projects throughout the City. A grading permit shall be required from the Engineering Department for any grading operations if any one of the following conditions exist or will be created:

1. Any fill, excavation or moving of dirt that exceeds 25-cubic yards on any one lot.
2. An excavation, which is: (1) more than 2-feet in depth or (2) an excavation, which creates a cut slope greater than 3-feet in height and steeper than two horizontal to one vertical (2:1).
3. A fill, which is: (1) greater than 1-foot in depth and placed on terrain with a natural slope flatter than 5 horizontal to 1 vertical, or (2) greater than 3-feet in depth, regardless of the natural terrain on which it is placed, which is intended to support structures.
4. Any back fill of an excavation, the purpose of which is the removal of an existing underground structure, such as an underground fuel storage tank, or basement.
5. Any over excavation and re-compaction of a building site, which exceeds 3-feet in depth in accordance with the recommendations of a soils engineering report.

This shall not exempt any fill made with the material from such excavation nor attempt any excavation having an unsupported height greater than 3-feet after the completion of such structure.

Should you have any questions, please contact the City Engineer.
Approved this 18th day of July, 2022.



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