

Ruston Storm and Surface Water Manual

Readers Guide

This Storm and Surface Water Manual which has been adopted by the City of Ruston under Ordinance No. 1416 as the “Ruston Storm and Surface Water Manual” was created by the City of Tacoma and adopted as Tacoma’s Storm and Surface Water Manual in 2012. The City of Ruston is adopting this Storm and Surface Water Manual for use within Ruston. This “Readers Guide” is made part of the Surface Water Manual in Ruston and is intended to help the users of this Storm and Surface Water Manual apply the contents thereof to activities undertaken within the City of Ruston.

Terms Used in Manual. Wherever, the Manual uses the certain terms listed below, it should be read as outlined in the “Glossary Table” below.

Glossary Table

Term Used in Manual	Term for Ruston Equivalent
City or City of Tacoma	City of Ruston
Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC)	Ruston Municipal Code (RMC)
Public Works Director or Director	Ruston City Engineer
Hearing Examiner	Ruston City Council
Manager (for bond purposes)	Ruston Mayor or Designee
Environmental Services	Ruston City Planner
Exception, Variance or Adjustment	Process set forth in Chapter 12.09 RMC

Where specific sections of the Tacoma Municipal Codes are listed in the Manual, the Manual user should review the Ruston Municipal Code to find the most appropriate Ruston provision.

Contact information for the City of Ruston. The Storm Water Management Manual Contains contact information for various Tacoma Departments or personnel. The information about whom to contact in Ruston can be found on the Ruston City Website, under the heading “Services and Departments”.

<http://www.rustonwa.org/services>

Conflict Between “Storm Water Management Manual” and “Ruston Municipal Code” or “RMC”. In the event there is a conflict between the provisions of this Storm and Surface Water Manual and the Ruston Municipal Code that cannot be harmonized, then the specific terms of the Ruston Municipal Code (RMC) shall govern.

North Tacoma Basin Standards. The Manual contains information and provisions for multiple basins within the City of Tacoma. In Ruston city limits, the only basin applicable is the “North Tacoma basin.” Where ever provisions in the Manual reference standards specific to basins *other than North Tacoma Basin*, those specific standards shall not apply.

Chapter 3 – Minimum Requirements for New Development and Redevelopment.

Introduction. The opening paragraph of Chapter 3 of the Manual (page 1-22) contains cross references to various Tacoma code provisions. The following are the applicable Ruston references:

- Subdivision and Plats – Chapter 29.02 RMC
- Land Use Code – Chapter 25.01 RMC
- Shoreline Master Program – Chapter 15.01 RMC
- State Environmental Policy Act – Chapter 15.02 RMC
- Critical Areas – Natural Systems, Section 25.01.070 RMC
- Street Excavation – Chapter 14.08 RMC

Exceptions. Section 3.5 of the Storm Water Management Manual “Exceptions” on page 1-43 and 1-44 cross references additional procedures contained in the Tacoma Municipal Code. The applicable Ruston Procedures for “Exceptions” may be found in RMC 12.09.130.