

**Subject: Ordinance #1500 – Update
 Of Public Works Standards
 (Chapter 12.09 RMC)**

Proposed Council Action:

No Action Requested. This is scheduled for First Reading. Unless directed otherwise, this will come back for Second Reading and Final Action on November 21, 2017.

Dept. Origin: Engineering Department
 Planning Department
 City Attorney's Office

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For Agenda of: November 7, 2017

Exhibits: Ordinance #1500 &
 Updated Manuals/Guides

Initial & Date

Concurred by Mayor: _____

Approved by City Planner: _____

Approved as to form by City Atty: JSR/11-1-17

Approved by City Engineer: _____

INFORMATION / BACKGROUND

This City first adopted public works standards in August 2013 by enacting Ordinance 1416. Since that time, some of the adopted standards have been updated. The standards that have been updated since 2013 are:

1. The Standard Specifications and Standard Plans for Road, Bridge and Municipal Construction, promulgated by the Washington State Department of Transportation (2016 version is the latest);
2. Tacoma Stormwater Management Manual (July 2016 is most recent version); and
3. Tacoma Street Utility Standards (Partial Update in 2016).

Since Ruston is surrounded on three sides by Tacoma, it makes sense for Ruston to have the same or similar standards as Tacoma.

Under state law,¹ the City is permitted to adopt the codes and standards of other government agencies by reference, including those adopted or published by the State and by other cities.

The City Planner and City Engineer both have reviewed all of the public works standards proposed for adoption by the City of Ruston and support adoption.

FISCAL CONSIDERATION

None.

¹ RCW 35A.12.140.

BOARD OR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None.

RECOMMENDATION / MOTION

No action requested. Unless directed otherwise, this matter will come back for Second Reading and Final Action on November 21, 2017.

ORDINANCE NO. 1500

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RUSTON, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO PUBLIC WORKS STANDARDS FOR THE CITY OF RUSTON, AMENDING CHAPTER 12.09 OF THE RUSTON MUNICIPAL CODE, AMENDING SECTIONS 12.09.010, 12.09.050, 12.09.060, AND 12.09.090 TO UPDATE AND ADOPT THE FOLLOWING MANUALS AND STANDARDS TO THE MOST CURRENT VERSION: WSDOT STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS AND STANDARD PLANS FOR ROAD, BRIDGE AND MUNICIPAL CONSTRUCTION, PUBLIC WORKS DESIGN MANUAL (TACOMA RIGHT OF WAY DESIGN REFERENCE STANDARDS), TACOMA STORM WATER MANAGEMENT MANUAL (2016 ERRATA VERSION), STREET LIGHT STANDARD PLANS, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in accordance with RCW 35A.12.140 the City is permitted to adopt the codes and standards of other government agencies by reference, including those adopted or published by the State and by other cities; and

WHEREAS, the City last updated its public works standards in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tacoma has developed or adopted a set of manuals that provide clear and specific public works, design standards and standard plans which were adopted by the City of Ruston under Ordinance No. 1416; and

WHEREAS, some of these manuals have since been updated; and

WHEREAS, copies of each of the manuals adopted by this ordinance were placed on file with the City Clerk and available for public inspection prior to the adoption of this ordinance as required by RCW 35A.12.140; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2017, the City Council held the first reading of this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, on November 21, 2017, the City Council adopted this Ordinance during its regular meeting at the second reading; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RUSTON HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 12.09.010 of the Ruston Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

12.09.010 - Adoption of ~~2012~~ 2016 WSDOT Standard Specifications.

The ~~2012~~2016 Standard Specifications and Standard Plans for Road, Bridge and Municipal Construction, promulgated by the Washington State Department of Transportation, are adopted as the standards of the City of Ruston applicable to such construction. One copy of such publication has been filed for the use and examination of the public in the office of the City Clerk.

Section 2. Section 12.09.050 of the Ruston Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

12.09.050 Adoption of City of Tacoma Storm Water Management Manual.

The ~~2012-2016~~ Edition of the City of Tacoma Storm Water Management Manual (as updated in July 2016), along with an attached Ruston Reader's Guide is hereby adopted by the City of Ruston as the "City of Ruston Storm Water Management Manual." One copy of such publication has been filed for the use and examination of the public in the office of the City Clerk.

Section 3. Section 12.09.060 of the Ruston Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

12.09.060 Adoption of Right of Way Design Manual Reference Standards.

The City of Tacoma "Right of Way Design Manual Reference Standards" Errata Version as amended in 2016 and as revised by the City of Ruston is ~~are~~ hereby adopted by the City of Ruston as its ~~Design Standards~~Right of Way Design Manual. One copy of such publication has been filed for the use and examination of the public in the office of the City Clerk.

Section 4. Section 12.09.090 of o the Ruston Municipal Code is hereby amended to

read as follows:

12.09.090 Adoption of Street Utility Standards.

The City of Tacoma “Street Utility Standards” as amended in 2016 are hereby adopted by the City of Ruston as its Street Utility Standards. One copy of such publication has been filed for the use and examination of the public in the office of the City Clerk.

Section 5. Direction to Clerk. The City Clerk is directed to maintain on copy of each of the Manuals or Standards referenced in Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of this Ordinance on file in the Clerk’s Office available for examination and use by the public during regular business hours.

Section 6. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance should be held to be unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

Section 7. Publication. This Ordinance shall be published by an approved summary consisting of the title.

Section 8. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective five days after publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Ruston and attested by the City Clerk in authentication of such passage on this 21st day of November, 2017.

APPROVED by the Mayor this 21st day of November, 2017.

Bruce Hopkins, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Judy Grams, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jennifer S. Robertson
Office of the City Attorney

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: _____
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: _____
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