

Report of the Planning & Zoning Commission

Romeoville, Illinois

ORD 19-1603

An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to Chapter 160 (Stormwater Ordinance) of the Village of Romeoville Code of Ordinances

**TO: Village President, Village Clerk & Board of Trustees
Village of Romeoville, Will County, Illinois**

The Village is proposing a text amendment to the Stormwater Ordinance.

On December 10, 2019, the Planning & Zoning Commission held a Public Hearing to discuss and consider the request various requests. The application was evaluated according to the requirements and regulations outlined by the Comprehensive Plan - Chapter 157, Development / Subdivision Regulations - Chapter 158, Zoning Code - Chapter 159, and the Stormwater Ordinance – Chapter 160.

Testimony and presentations were heard from the staff and the Commission. The following issues and opinions were discussed.

Project Development & Planning Coordinator Nathan Darga read the project compliance report. He reported that this amendment would update our Stormwater Ordinance with a new rainfall table in Appendix A. "Bulletin 70 – Frequency Distributions of Heavy Rainfall in Illinois" was originally prepared by Floyd Huff and James Angel. This document sets storm standards that guide floodplain policies, development regulations, and stormwater requirements across much of Illinois. Given the severity and frequency of rainfall over the past decade, the Illinois State Water Survey (ISWS) released an updated Bulletin 70 in of March 2019 (prior update was 1989).

The Will County Stormwater Management Committee held a Public Hearing on 8/13/19 and this update is slated for approval by the County Board at its 8/19/19 meeting. Also, for reference, the MWRD (which has jurisdiction of much of Cook County) has already incorporated the new Bulletin 70 into its recommended WMO revisions. It is anticipated that many county and local ordinances will follow suit and incorporate this into their requirements. It is anticipated that this requirement will be effective and required for design as of January 1, 2020.

Overall, this will have a limited impact to Romeoville's ordinance as the Village has always used a local variation of the original Bulletin 70 data. Here are a few examples of the value with respect to the current ordinance:

Frequency	Duration	Current Appendix A		Proposed Appendix A	
		Depth (in)	Intensity (in/hr)	Depth (in)	Intensity (in/hr)
10-year	15-min	1.32	5.28	1.39	5.56
100-year	24-hour	8.34	0.35	8.57	0.36

Chairman Venn asked if the chart provided speaks to frequency only, Mr. Darga stated that that is correct.

Commissioner Nelson asked if there is a reason that the table provided is so expansive. Mr. Darga stated that it is due to the amount of design conditions that may apply to projects.

From the testimony and presentation made by the Petitioner / Applicant, Witnesses, General Public, and Staff recommendation on the request, the Commission hereby finds the following:

1. The application complies with the Text Amendment provisions of the Stormwater Ordinance. (Chapter 160).

THEREFORE, the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Village of Romeoville hereby recommends to the Village President and Board of Trustees the Approval of ORD 19-1603.

Motion by: Commissioner Scieszka
Seconded by: Commissioner Repetowski

Roll call of the membership present the 10th day of December 2019 with the following vote:

6 members voting AYE
0 members ABSTAINING

0 members voting NAY
1 members ABSENT and not voting.

Gary Nelson	AYE
Dan Repetowski	AYE
Paul Scieszka	AYE
Petra Burgess	AYE

David Venn	AYE
Rich Holloway	ABSENT
Jim McConachie	AYE

MOTION Carried.

Respectfully submitted on December 11, 2019.

CHAIRMAN, Planning & Zoning Commission

Attested by:

SECRETARY, Planning & Zoning Commission