

20.04.040 Permits required.

No person shall perform any grading, or shall import or export any earth materials to or from any grading site, without first having obtained a permit from the city engineer. No person shall construct hard pavement surfacing in excess of two hundred square feet, on natural or existing grade for the purpose of a private road or commercial, industrial or multi-residential parking lot or travelway without a valid grading permit.

Exceptions:

A. Resurfacing or maintenance of paved surfaces;

B. Grave sites within a cemetery;

C. Excavation for public utility installation or repair, with a trench width of twenty-four inches or less and controlled by a city encroachment permit or other permit issued by the city;

D. Refuse disposal within a public sanitary landfill site controlled by other regulations;

E. An excavation or fill conducted by the city for emergency work as deemed necessary by the city engineer;

F. Exploratory borings and excavations under the direction of soils engineers or engineering geologists; provided, that the site is restored to its original condition;

G. A fill not intended to support structures which does not exceed fifty cubic yards; provided that:

1. An excavation which is less than two feet in depth, or which does not create a cut slope greater than five feet in height and steeper than two horizontal to one vertical,

2. A fill which is less than one foot in depth and placed on natural terrain with a slope flatter than five horizontal to one vertical and not intended to support a structure,

3. The grading does not obstruct or divert a drainage course,

4. The disturbed area due to grading operations is less than three thousand square feet;

H. Farming and agricultural grading operations on parcels which are zoned and used primarily for agriculture under the control of the United States Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service.

I. Grading which does not violate the provisions of the Hillside Ordinance sedimentation. (Ord. 702 N.S. (part), 1995)