

GENERAL

Ordinance Fact Sheet

220322

Ordinance Number

Brief Title	Approval Deadline
Amending Chapter 88, Section 88-415, of the Code of Ordinances to revise the stream buffer standards.	

Details
<p>Reason for Legislation</p> <p>Amending various parts of Section 88-415 of Chapter 88, the Zoning and Development Code of Ordinances, to revise the stream buffer standards.</p>

<p>Details:</p> <p>This proposed ordinance is a revision to Section 88-415 of Chapter 88, the Zoning and Development Code, of the City of Kansas City Missouri's Code of Ordinance.</p> <p>In the Kansas City region and throughout the nation, vegetated stream buffers have been clearly shown to protect stream stability and related infrastructure, improve water quality, conserve wildlife habitat and provide flood water conveyance.</p> <p>The stream buffer standards of this article are intended to protect public safety and public infrastructure investments while mitigating the adverse environmental impacts that development can have on streams and associated natural resource areas.</p> <p>Other purposes of the stream buffer regulations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Helping protect life and property;• Improving stormwater management and helping to prevent flooding;• Protecting environmental quality, including the quality of water resources and wildlife habitat;• Decreasing infrastructure repair, maintenance and replacement costs;• Providing open space amenities;• Providing potential opportunities for trail location;• Increasing the public's knowledge and understanding of natural resource protection issues and• Providing certainty as well as flexibility in order to maximize sustainable economic development.
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Positions/Recommendations	
Sponsor	Water Services Dept.
Programs, Departments, or Groups Affected	City Planning and Development Dept. Water Services Dept.
Applicants / Proponents	<p>Applicant City Planning and Development Dept. Water Services Dept.</p> <p>City Department City Planning and Development Dept. Water Services Dept.</p> <p>Other</p>
Opponents	<p>Groups or Individuals</p> <p>None Known</p> <p>Basis of opposition</p>
Staff Recommendation	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Against</p> <p>Reason Against</p>
Board or Commission Recommendation	<p>By</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> For <input type="checkbox"/> Against <input type="checkbox"/> No action taken</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> For, with revisions or conditions (see details column for conditions)</p>
Council Committee Actions	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Do pass</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Do pass (as amended)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Committee Sub.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Without Recommendation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Hold</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Do not pass</p>

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Details

The following revisions for this proposed ordinance are as follows:

- **Section 88-415-03 Buffer Zones** - it does not apply to water structures such as ponds and lakes and excludes wetlands;
- **Section 88-415-05 Allowed Use of Buffer Zones** - revisions to stormwater detention allowances;
- **Section 88-415-07 Additional Standards A and C** - revisions to continuous vegetation and to allow for the purchase of federal mitigation credits as a method of mitigation for property owners;
- **Section 88-415-08B Exceptions** - stream buffer exception application and mitigation plans must be approved by the Water Services Department Director, then is forwarded to the City Planning and Development Director for review;
- **Section 88-415-08C Map Revisions** - the Water Services Department is responsible to make map revisions to the Kansas City Natural Resources map; and
- **Section 88-415-11 Plan Review Process** - upon the filing of any application required by this zoning and development code, the City Planning and Development Department's director shall provide a review to the Water Services Department's director when a regulated stream or floodplain is present on the subject property; or when a regulated stream is located on an adjacent property and within 200 feet of the subject property; or when the outside edge of a 100-year floodplain, with or without a regulated stream contained therein, is located on adjacent property and is within 150 feet of the subject property.

Is it good for the children? Yes.

How will this contribute to a sustainable Kansas City? In the Kansas City region and throughout the nation, vegetated stream buffers have been clearly shown to protect stream stability and related infrastructure, improve water quality, conserve wildlife habitat and provide flood water conveyance. The stream buffer standards of this article are intended to protect public safety and public infrastructure investments while mitigating the adverse environmental impacts that development can have on streams and associated natural resource areas.

Policy/Program Impact

Policy or Program Change	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
Operational Impact Assessment	

Finances

Cost & Revenue Projections -- Including Indirect Costs	
Financial Impact	
Fund Source (s) and Appropriation Account Codes	

(Use this space for further discussion, if necessary)

Applicable Dates:**Fact Sheet Prepared by:**

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Reference Numbers