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Do I Need a Grading and Erosion Control Permit?

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DO YOUR HOMEWORK:

Tips on Planning a Successful Home Construction Project

1. Get written detailed bids from three contractors. Compare the bids and ask questions. Don't assume that the lowest bid is the best deal.
2. Verify that the contractor's license is active and check the complaint history at hirealicensedcontractor.com or call 503-378-4621.
3. Ask for, and check references. Look at other jobs the contractor has completed recently.
4. Verify who will be responsible for securing the necessary permits.
5. Agree in advance to a payment schedule, don't pay for everything up front.

ABOUT US

The Public Works Department is the largest department within the City of Astoria. Major areas of responsibility include: Water Treatment and Distribution; Waste Water Collection and Treatment; Street Maintenance; Engineering Services; Sanitation/Recycling Services; Fleet Maintenance for all City Vehicles; Forestry Management; City Facility Maintenance; Railroad Maintenance; and Mapping with Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

The Public Works Department is actively involved in a wide range of current and future capital improvements ranging from water, sewer, streets, storm water projects, to overseeing construction management and participating in the land development review process.

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KEY INFORMATION REGARDING GRADING & EROSION CONTROL PERMITS

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE GRADING AND EROSION CONTROL PERMIT?

(Ordinance 3.300)

The permit regulates grading and erosion control. Its purpose is to:

- Minimize impacts associated with excavation and grading;
- Minimize the erosion of land during clearing, excavation, grading, construction and post-construction activities;
- Prevent the transport of sediment and other soil borne pollutants into waterways or onto adjacent property;
- Prevent the unnecessary clearing, excavation, and stripping of land; and
- To reduce the amount of soil exposure during construction.

WHEN IS A GRADING AND EROSION CONTROL PERMIT REQUIRED?

(Section 3.305)

Persons proposing to clear, grade, excavate, strip, or fill land (regulated activities) shall obtain a permit before commencing any of the following activities:

- Any proposed clearing, grading, filling, stripping, or excavating (regulated activity) within 100 feet of a river, bay, stream, watercourse or wetland; or
- Any proposed regulated activity located more than one hundred feet from a river, bay, stream, watercourse or wetland that exceeds an area of 2,000 square feet; or

