

STORMWATER QUALITY PERMIT FEES

Established by Chapter 47 – City of Houston Code of Ordinances

All new development and significant redevelopment subject to this article shall either obtain and continuously maintain a storm water quality permit or file an industrial activity certification.

New development shall mean development of an undeveloped parcel of land five acres or larger without regard to the amount of land that will actually be disturbed. The term does not include development on an undeveloped and undivided parcel of five acres or more of one dwelling unit and one or more accessory structures. The term also does not include a stormwater detention basin that includes a water quality feature.

Significant redevelopment shall mean changes of one acre or more to the impervious surface on a five acre or larger developed parcel but does not include a stormwater detention basin that includes a water quality feature.

I. Original Permit, due with Application \$300.00 Duration: One (1) Year

Notes: Sec. 47-651. Storm water quality permit application

An applicant for a SWQ permit shall submit a storm water quality permit application on the form specified by the city engineer. The application shall include a storm water quality management plan that:

- (1) Complies with the design manual;
- (2) Includes a proposed inspection checklist, maintenance plan, and associated construction drawings; and
- (3) Is sealed by a professional engineer licensed as such in Texas.

Each application for a SWQ permit shall be accompanied by the applicable application fee.

II. Renewal, due before expiration of Preceding Permit \$150.00 Duration: One (1) Year

Notes: Sec. 47-657. Renewal

To renew a SWQ permit, the SWQ permittee shall submit a renewal application on a form prescribed by the city engineer and the applicable renewal fee not more than 30 days but not less than five days prior to expiration of the SWQ permit. As part of the renewal application, the SWQ permittee shall certify that all controls have been maintained as specified in the SWQMP. If structural controls are used, a state licensed professional engineer shall also certify that all structural controls still generally conform to the plans and technical specifications in the SWQMP. The city engineer shall deny a renewal application if it is found that the SWQ permittee failed to seek an amendment to its SWQ permit if required to do so pursuant to section 47-654 of this Code.

III. Re-Inspection Fee \$35.00 Due for each failed Inspection

IV. Amendment Fee \$150.00 Per Amendment

Notes: Sec. 47-654. Amendment of SWQ permit

An amendment to the SWQ permit is required in the following events:

- (1) The person responsible for compliance with the SWQ permit changes either as a result of:
 - (A) The transfer of ownership of the parcel to a different person; or
 - (B) The transfer of the obligation to comply with this Code to a third-party permittee pursuant to section 47-673 of this Code.
- (2) Any substantial deviation is made to a structural control or any change is made to a non-structural control in the SWQMP on which the SWQ permit is based; or
- (3) The subsequent new development or significant redevelopment of any parcel covered by that SWQ permit (unless the subsequent new development or significant redevelopment has already been anticipated and provided for in the SWQMP on which the SWQ permit is based).