

2024 Q3 - Software & Building Code Updates

- **Drainage**

- Expect grading plan requirements to be included in the 2025 Design Standards
 - Pad elevations (i.e. garage floor elevation) to be set in the grading plan
 - Initially developed by the site engineer
 - Developer would do their part of the construction using those plans
 - Builder would finish the project, following the grading plan for foundation elevations when pulling a building permit.
 - The footing elevations will be checked at the footing inspection

- **Sidewalks**

- The City wants to have sidewalks constructed as part of the road and curb/gutter
 - This will help prevent long-term gaps in the system if all lots are not developed in a timely fashion.
 - The sidewalk network is a key issue for city residents.
- The street plans will include the sidewalk and driveway locations
 - The site engineer/developer will need to determine the driveway locations. Likely on the high side of the lot outside the side setback limits.
 - At times, the builder might have to adjust the sidewalk

- Ultimately, we want to collaborate
 - These plans are not finalized, and the City wants everyone's feedback

- **Building Code Transition**
 - The City currently operates under the 2018 building codes.
 - City anticipates adopting the 2024 Building Codes in 2025 once they are reviewed.
 - State adoption is required first, which will not happen until 2025 at the earliest.
 - All local exemptions to the codes will be reviewed and discussed in detail.
 - All local exemptions will be discussed in a future quarterly contractor meeting.

- **Energy Code Mandate**
 - The City is monitoring federal and state legislative actions regarding energy code mandates.
 - Discussions about what is best for the local area will take place later once the state adopts the 2024 building codes

- **City Software Upgrade**
 - City is working on a software upgrade there will be changes to include:
 - online application submittals, payment, workflow visibility, and inspection requests.

- Digital inspections will be emailed at the conclusion of the inspection, offering a more efficient system.
- Detailed rollout plans and go-live dates will be discussed in the December 5th meeting.
- **Payment Processing Fee**
 - The current \$3.50 card payment fee will change to a percentage-based fee next year.
 - Options will be available to set up bank payments to avoid these fees.
- **Wrap Up**
 - Meeting minutes will go out to all attendees
 - Please respond to any thoughts you might have about all topics addressed
 - Nothing can be adopted without going through PW and City Council
- **For more information or to stay updated on these changes, please visit our website or contact the City**