



1 Public Works Director, or his/her designee, without having to seek out a variance from the City of Little  
2 Rock Planning Commission.

3 **Section 2.** The Public Works Director shall have the discretion to determine whether the LID  
4 techniques employed have reached the standards and guidelines set forth in the Stormwater Management  
5 and Drainage Manual.

6 **Section 3. *Definitions.***

7 The following terms used in this ordinance shall have the following meanings:

8 *Low Impact Development (LID)* is an approach to land development (or re-development) that works  
9 with nature to manage stormwater as close to its source as possible. LID employs principles such as  
10 preserving and recreating natural landscape features, minimizing effective imperviousness to create  
11 functional and appealing site drainage that treats stormwater as a resource rather than a waste product.

12 *Stormwater runoff* means water that results from precipitation which is not absorbed by the soil,  
13 evaporated into the atmosphere, or entrapped by ground surface depressions and vegetation, which flows  
14 over the ground surface.

15 **Section 4. *Applicability.*** This ordinance shall apply to all of the lands located within the City of  
16 Little Rock including its extraterritorial jurisdiction. This ordinance applies to commercial, office,  
17 industrial, and multi-family units greater than MF-6 units per acre. It does not apply to facilities in the  
18 public right of way.

19 **Section 5. *Low Impact Development Site Design Strategies.***

20 (a) Generally, site design strategies address the arrangement of buildings, roads, parking  
21 areas, and other features, and the conveyance of stormwater runoff across the site. LID site  
22 design strategies are intended to complement the natural and built environment while minimizing  
23 the generation of runoff. The LID design strategies should address some or all of the following  
24 considerations:

25 (1) Necessary grading and land disturbance should be designed to encourage sheet flow and  
26 lengthen stormwater flow paths.

27 (2) Natural drainage divides should be maintained to keep flow paths dispersed.

28 (3) Areas of impervious surfaces should be separated and stormwater should be conveyed  
29 across vegetated areas. This assists runoff filtration and encourages infiltration.

30 (4) Small-scale LID techniques should be distributed across the development site in order to  
31 maximize benefits.

32 (5) Naturally vegetated areas and soil types that slow runoff, filter pollutants and facilitate  
33 infiltration should be preserved.

1 (6) Low Impact Development systems and structures should be integrated into the natural  
2 and built landscape with attention to flow paths, infiltration areas and the use of  
3 appropriate native plant materials.

4 **Section 6. Submittal Requirements.** The applicant shall submit a drainage report that provides all  
5 necessary information to support the LID design elements within the development. It shall include  
6 specifications and technical information for the site specific design details that supports the proposed LID  
7 systems and structures.

8 A maintenance plan shall also be submitted so that the LID facility shall remain effective as originally  
9 approved.

10 **Section 7. Severability.** In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or  
11 word of this ordinance is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or  
12 adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the ordinance which shall remain in full force and  
13 effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional were not originally a part  
14 of the ordinance.

15 **Section 8. Repealer.** All laws, ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same that are inconsistent with  
16 the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

17 **PASSED: August 4, 2015**

18 **ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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21 **Susan Langley, City Clerk**

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**Mark Stodola, Mayor**

22 **APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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25 **Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney**

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