

ORDINANCE NO. 1876

(An ordinance adding Chapter 15.06—Construction Site Preparation—of the Hood River Municipal Code to address site preparation)

WHEREAS, the Hood River Municipal Code does not currently address site preparation that takes place prior to construction or other development activities on a site;

WHEREAS, site preparation may include excavation, rock removal, rock crushing, earth moving, fill and other similar activities;

WHEREAS, site preparation activities are temporary uses of the property undertaken in conjunction with construction or other development activities for which zoning, land division, or building permit approval is obtained;

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works and Engineering should have the authority to regulate these temporary activities in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the City and its citizens;

WHEREAS, this ordinance should be effective immediately because the busiest construction season is beginning and this ordinance is needed immediately to protect the health, safety and welfare of the City and its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOOD RIVER ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Chapter 15.06 is added to the Hood River Municipal Code:

CHAPTER 15.06 CONSTRUCTION SITE PREPARATION

Section 15.06.010 Purpose

Section 15.06.020 Construction site preparation standards

Section 15.06.030 Construction site preparation permit required

Section 15.06.040 Penalties

15.06.010 Purpose. The purpose of this Chapter is to regulate construction site preparation. Construction site preparation may include excavation, rock removal, rock crushing, earth moving, fill and other similar activities.

15.06.020 Construction site preparation standards. The City Engineer shall adopt construction site preparation standards addressing the site preparation activities listed above. The standards shall be consistent with the provisions of this Chapter and shall address the standards under which permits may be issued. The standards shall be established as a section

of the City of Hood River Engineering Standards.


15.06.030 Construction site preparation permit required. No person shall conduct site preparation activities if the activities involve any excavation, rock removal, rock crushing, earth moving, fill or other similar activities, without first obtaining a temporary permit for construction site preparation. The application and permit requirements shall be prescribed by the City Engineer in the City of Hood River Engineering Standards. The permit fee shall be established by Council resolution.

15.06.040 Penalties. Failure to obtain a construction site permit prior to commencing construction site preparation activities is a violation of this Code and the City Engineer shall have the authority to order the immediate cessation of the activities and revoke the permit. Conviction of the violation is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500 per day. Every day that construction site preparation activities occur without a permit constitutes a separate offense.

Read for the first time: June 27, 2005.

Read for the second time and passed: July 11, 2005, to become effective immediately.

Signed July 12, 2005.


Linda Rouches, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jean M. Hadley, City Recorder