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3 CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO

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5 ORDINANCE NO. 20 - 2026

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7 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 929.07 AND  
8 929.09 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF  
9 CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO, TITLE 9, CHAPTER 929,  
10 "STORM DRAINAGE UTILITY," IN THE CITY OF  
11 CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN  
12 EMERGENCY.

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14 WHEREAS, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency releases guidelines that  
15 require compliance with certain storm drainage utility and storm water management  
16 regulations; and

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18 WHEREAS, amending the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio by  
19 amending Sections 929.07 and 929.09 of Title 9, Chapter 929, "Storm Drainage Utility,"  
20 shall produce compliance.

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22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cuyahoga Falls,  
23 County of Summit and State of Ohio, that:

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25 Section 1. Sections 929.07 and 929.09 of Title 9, Chapter 929, "Storm Drainage  
26 Utility," are hereby amended and/or supplemented as follows (new text **Bold**; deleted text  
27 in strikethrough):

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29 929.07 POST-CONSTRUCTION STORM WATER MANAGEMENT IN NEW  
30 DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

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32 The City Engineer is authorized to condition the issuance of an Excavation/Grading  
33 Permit upon the following:

- 34 ~~(a) agreement of~~ The Owner of the lot or parcel affected **shall establish an**
- 35 **agreement with the City Engineer** to implement and maintain Best
- 36 Management Practices (BMPs), as defined in Section 1124.032 of these
- 37 Ordinances, for the purpose of ~~controlling runoff~~ **providing stormwater runoff**
- 38 **quantity and quality control** from new development and redevelopment projects
- 39 for the life of such projects. The form of agreement shall be approved by the
- 40 Director of Law and shall be known as a Storm Water Drainage Facilities
- 41 Maintenance Agreement. The Agreement shall ensure adequate long-term
- 42 operation and maintenance of the BMPs, and shall be recordable with the intent
- 43 to bind subsequent owners, transferees, mortgagees, and other parties in interest.
- 44 **(b) The Owner has prepared a post-construction Long Term Maintenance Plan**
- 45 **as defined in Section 1124.02 and has obtained plan approval from Summit**
- 46 **Soil and Water Conservation District (SSWCD).**

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48 929.09 ACTION ON APPLICATION; PERMIT ISSUANCE; PERMIT FEE

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50 Upon receipt of the reviewed application materials, comments and/or  
51 recommendations from SSWCD, the City Engineer shall grant the Excavation/Grading  
52 Permit, deny the permit, or grant the permit subject to modifications appended by the  
53 City Engineer. The City Engineer shall require that a permit fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00)  
54 be paid to the City prior to issuing any permit under this Section. Every  
55 Excavation/Grading Permit granted shall meet the following requirements:

- 56 (a) For the purpose of implementing construction site storm water runoff control, the  
57 permit shall require conformance with the requirements for Storm Water Pollution  
58 Prevention Plans set forth in the Ohio EPA General Construction Permit effective  
59 ~~April 22, 2018~~ **April 23, 2023** (Ohio EPA Permit No. OHC0000056), or successor  
60 requirements.
- 61 (b) For post-construction storm water management in new development or  
62 redevelopment projects, the permit shall require conformance with the  
63 requirements for Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans set forth in Ohio EPA  
64 Permit No. OHC0000056, **or successor requirements**, and in Section 1124.032  
65 of these Ordinances. In the event these requirements conflict, the authority  
66 requiring the higher performance standard shall apply.
- 67 (c) For post-construction storm water management in new development or  
68 redevelopment projects, the permit shall require execution and recording of a  
69 Storm Water Drainage Facilities Maintenance Agreement, for the purpose of  
70 ensuring that Best Management Practices implemented pursuant to the permit  
71 are in place and functioning to prevent or minimize water quality impacts, for the  
72 life of the project.

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75 Section 2. Any other ordinances or resolutions or portions of ordinances and  
76 resolutions inconsistent herewith be and the same are hereby repealed, but any  
77 ordinances and resolutions not inconsistent herewith and which have not previously been  
78 repealed are hereby ratified and confirmed.

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80 Section 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council  
81 concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were taken in an open meeting  
82 of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any committees that  
83 resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with  
84 all legal requirements including Chapter 107 of the Codified Ordinances.

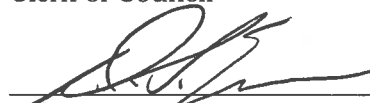
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86 Section 4. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary  
87 for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, convenience and welfare of the  
88 City of Cuyahoga Falls and the inhabitants thereof, for the reason that it is necessary to  
89 comply with Ohio EPA guidelines, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-  
90 thirds of the members elected or appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in force  
91 immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect  
92 and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law.

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95 Passed: 4-13-2026

  
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President of Council

  
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Clerk of Council

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103 Approved: 4-13-2026

  
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Mayor

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