

FOREWORD

About the City of Fairfax, VA

The City of Fairfax is a municipal corporation serving the City of Fairfax. The City of Fairfax is made up of a 6-member City Council and City Mayor.

Our services are funded entirely from our rates and fees, which reflect legal requirements to use the "cost of service" approach in setting rates, fees, and charges. The City of Fairfax provides services within a basic framework of State and Federal law and agreements with the Towns and County regarding the extension and provision of public sewer services.

Manual Introduction

The City of Fairfax maintains a Public Facilities Manual (PFM) which includes current specifications and standard details that explain the construction process and establish minimum acceptable guidelines for construction of municipal streets, drainage systems, utilities, and their appurtenances.

The materials, improvement specifications, standard details, and design methodology contained herein are established as the minimum requirements for the City of Fairfax and have been determined to be reasonable as applicable to the City of Fairfax. This document has been compiled from current standards and practices used by the City of Fairfax, from improvement standards used in other areas of the State of Virginia, and applicable enabling legislation of the State of Virginia.

Manual Format

This manual was prepared to facilitate ease of use by both the design engineers and the contractor. The various elements that comprise this manual have been compiled from adopted policies and procedures, both current and new standard details, specifications, and practices. This manual contains the information needed by design engineers, developers, and contractors to facilitate design, development, and construction within the City of Fairfax service area.

This Manual includes the following sections:

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Policy and Ordinance

Some of the relevant specific policies and ordinances, in their entirety, have been provided. Other related policies and ordinances can be obtained directly from the City of Fairfax.

City Code can be found at the following website: <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/city-clerk/city-code>

Copies of Manual

Copies of this manual may be purchased by contacting the City of Fairfax at 703-246-6330.

The information contained herein is available on the City of Fairfax's website located at:
<http://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/public-works/public-facilities-manual>

Jurisdiction

On or after [new date] this Public Facilities Manual shall be applicable to all new improvements and alterations in existing improvements lying within the regulatory jurisdiction of the City of Fairfax.

The 2017 Public Facilities Manual is a reprint of the 2005 PFM developed to provide a reference for developers, contractors and designers. This version of the PFM includes formatting changes, edits and amendments to the 2005 PFM and supersedes all previous editions.

Variance or Modification

The PFM shall be followed for all design and construction within the City of Fairfax. The execution of engineering design; however, involves the judgment of the design engineer, and only the engineer can ascertain whether a technique or item of information can be applied to a given situation. Any variances, alternate designs, construction methods and materials, not specifically prescribed herein, shall be subject to the approval of the City Engineer.

Prepared by the Department of Public Works

Adopted by the City of Fairfax City Council on [date].

Contents of this Manual are effective [date].

This Manual was last amended on [date].

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