

ORDINANCE NO. 1653

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador ordains as follows.

Section 1. Section 15.40.090 is hereby repealed.

Section 2. Section 15.40.090 is hereby added to the Amador County Code as follows.

15.40.090 Procedure for issuance of grading permits where required.

A. Erosion control measures shall be required for all excavations except those which, cumulatively, are less than fifty cubic yards.

B. Where the excavation is over fifty cubic yards but less than five thousand cubic yards, an application for grading permit is required and may be issued by the public works agency after review. If the excavation is between fifty and two hundred fifty cubic yards and is related to a septic system or well permit application, the environmental health department may include the excavation as part of the well or septic permit. The public works agency may require the applicant to acknowledge that additional building department requirements shall be satisfied before a building or structure is constructed on the site. The public works agency shall determine if engineered plans are needed and, if so, shall issue a grading permit when the engineered plans are received, reviewed, and approved by the public works agency. The grading permit shall contain erosion control measures.

C. For an excavation of five thousand cubic yards or more, the applicant shall submit engineered plans, prepared and signed by an individual licensed by the state to prepare such plans and specifications, to the public works agency for its review and approval of the plans. When approved, the grading permit shall contain erosion control measures.

D. Grading Permit Inspection and Enforcement. The public works agency shall inspect and enforce work done pursuant to a grading permit. The public works agency shall develop a grading manual to identify required technical specifications for grading permits.

E. Certification. The public works agency may require certification at the conclusion of the excavation prior to final inspection.

F. Fees for Grading Permits. The following is the fee schedule for the review and inspection of grading permits:

Pre-site inspection (optional, at request of permittee: \$74 / hour; one hour minimum.

Excavation between 50 and 250 cubic yards ("CY"): Deposit of \$380, then actual costs if more than four inspections.

Excavation over 250 CY through 1000 CY: Deposit of \$380 plus \$0.20/CY to 1000 CY, then actual costs.

Excavation over 1000 CY through 5000 CY: Deposit of \$530 plus \$0.15/CY over 1000 CY but less than 5000 CY then actual costs.

Excavation in excess of 5000 CY: Submittal of engineered plans; review and inspection fee of 2.5% of engineer's estimate.

G. Unauthorized Activities. Any violation of this chapter, including both unauthorized grading or failure to implement required erosion control measures, shall constitute a misdemeanor and may be punishable by a fine of five hundred dollars or six months' imprisonment or both. Each day that the violation occurs constitutes a separate violation.

Section 3. The remainder of Chapter 15.40 is unaffected by this ordinance and is deemed reenacted without amendment.


Section 4. This ordinance shall be published within fifteen days after the date hereof in a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the County of Amador, State of California, and shall become effective thirty days after the date hereof.

The foregoing ordinance was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 25th day of July 2006, by the following vote:

AYES: Richard P. Vinson, Louis D. Boitano, Rich F. Escamilla, and Richard M. Forster

NOES: None

VACANT: District 5


Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

MARDELL ANDERSON, Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors, Amador County,
California

Glennifer Burns
Deputy