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Have you been Cited for Grading Without the Required Permits?

On September 13, 2005 the Board of Supervisor's adopted Policy F-6 amendment to Ordinance 457 for grading without the required permits. This policy allows the Department of Building and Safety to place a five year hold on the issuance of building permits and land use approvals if that property is graded without permits and has not been restored to its original un-graded state. Any property owner aggrieved by the restoration requirements has the right to appeal the decision to the County of Riverside Board of Supervisors. Information on filing an appeal can be obtained from your citing Code Enforcement officer.

If you have been cited for "Grading without a Permit", you are required to complete an "Application to Construct" and file for an hourly restoration assessment number (BHR permit) with the Department of Building and Safety. This can be done in either of the two permit assistance centers listed at the bottom of this page. Once the number has been generated and payment made (**estimated cost** \$3,000 to \$7,000), a site assessment will be completed by the Environmental Programs Division of the County Planning Department biologist and by the Department of Building and Safety Environmental Compliance Division inspector. Upon completion of the site assessment you will be provided with the restoration assessment plan requirements in writing. You may be required to submit a Biological and/or Earthwork Restoration Plan for review and approval.

Biological Restoration Plan

If a Biological Restoration plan is required, the plan shall be prepared by a qualified biologist having a memorandum of understanding with the County of Riverside and is required to be submitted to the Environmental Programs Division of the County Planning Department for review and approval. A Biological Restoration Plan determines how the native vegetation, riparian areas and natural drainage areas will be restored to its original state prior to disturbance. This plan may include a re-vegetation plan, an irrigation plan, a mitigation and monitoring plan, schedules and cost estimates for restoration. The level of detail that will be required will be determined through the site assessment conducted by the Environmental Programs Division of the County Planning Department.

Earthwork Restoration Plan

If an Earthwork Restoration Plan is required, the plan shall be prepared by a registered professional engineer. All Riverside County Department of Building and Safety restoration plan requirements shall be incorporated into the earthwork restoration plan. The earthwork restoration plan shall include the details necessary to restore the site to its original un-graded state and shall include original ground contours, earthwork movement, cut/fill slopes, re-contouring, property lines, watercourses, installation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) for erosion and sediment control, restoration notes and all related earthwork restoration information for the accomplishment of the restoration effort.