



**Q1: Why did I get a postcard in the mail?**

A: You received a postcard to notify you about upcoming changes to the City of Pittsburgh's Zoning Code (Title 9) and Stormwater Management Code (Title 13), because your property is within an area with specific stormwater management requirements under Allegheny County's Act 167 Watershed Plan. Please see Q2 for explanation of 'Act 167'. These requirements were currently housed within the Zoning Code (Title 9) but we are proposing to relocate them to the Stormwater Management Code (Title 13) in order to keep most stormwater-related regulations in a single section of code. This relocation of Act 167 language consists of a 'map amendment' per the Zoning Code and thus requires us to notify all properties in the affected area. The map boundaries include areas within the Monongahela River, Girty's Run, and Squaw Run watersheds. Map boundaries are not changing.

**Q2: What is Act 167?**

Act 167 is a Pennsylvania regulation that required all Counties in the Commonwealth to adopt watershed and stormwater management plans. Allegheny County adopted its own [Act 167 Management Plan and Model Ordinance](#), with the most recent update occurring in 2018. The City's Stormwater Management Code complies with the [2018 Allegheny County Model Ordinance](#). The Act 167 regulations, which primarily consist of lowered release-rates (to slow the flow of water in a rain event), are based on watershed management plans for specific areas of rivers and streams, including the Monongahela River, Girty's Run, and Squaw Run.

**Q3: If I didn't get a postcard, does that mean the new Stormwater Management code does not apply to my property?**

A: No, it does not. The current and proposed Stormwater Management Code applies City-wide. However, we had to notify everyone within the special Act 167 areas that we are relocating those requirements from Title 9 to Title 13.

**Q4: If I'm not in an area with specific Act 167 regulations, does that mean stormwater management is not as important in my area?**

A: No, it does not. Stormwater management is required everywhere in the city if your development meets the thresholds.



**Q5: Why are we moving content from Title 9 to Title 13?**

A: We want to consolidate most stormwater management requirements in one section of code. There are also some requirements, related to connections to the public sewer system, in Title 4.

**Q6: Is anything changing as it moves from Title 9 to Title 13?**

A: Relocation of Title 9 language is part of a larger stormwater management code update. The Act 167 content from Title 9 will not change but it will be integrated into and combined with revisions to Title 13. More information can be found on EngagePGH and updated code language will be posted online prior to Council adoption.

**Q7: What is stormwater management code and why should I care about it?**

Stormwater management code defines regulations for how stormwater is managed on development and redevelopment sites that meet certain thresholds and criteria. These requirements help to ensure that new development does not contribute to stormwater issues. Development must manage stormwater in a way that helps alleviate flooding and basement backups, reduce combined sewer overflows, and reduce pollutant levels in our waterways.

**Q8: Will the proposed changes to Title 9 affect my property or business?**

For the most part, changes to Title 9 will simply relocate code to Title 13. There are a few changes in Title 9, but not necessarily to the Act 167 areas. Major changes include elimination of the Small Project Stormwater requirements in RIV and Uptown, and increased thresholds for bonus points. Changes to Title 13 should improve SWM in your area, change how stormwater is managed if your prop redevelops, allow for more flexibility.

**Q9: How can I provide my input?**

You may email comments or questions to [stormwater@pittsburghpa.gov](mailto:stormwater@pittsburghpa.gov) and/or provide testimony during the virtual Planning Commission on Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 2 PM. You can share testimony in advance via email at: [planningcommission@pittsburghpa.gov](mailto:planningcommission@pittsburghpa.gov) (received by July 12th at noon) or by mail to: Planning Commission 200 Ross St, 4th Floor Pittsburgh, PA 15219 (received by July 9th)

Additionally, you will be able to provide testimony to Council on the broader stormwater management code update when the Council Public Hearing occurs, likely in August 2021.