



# CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

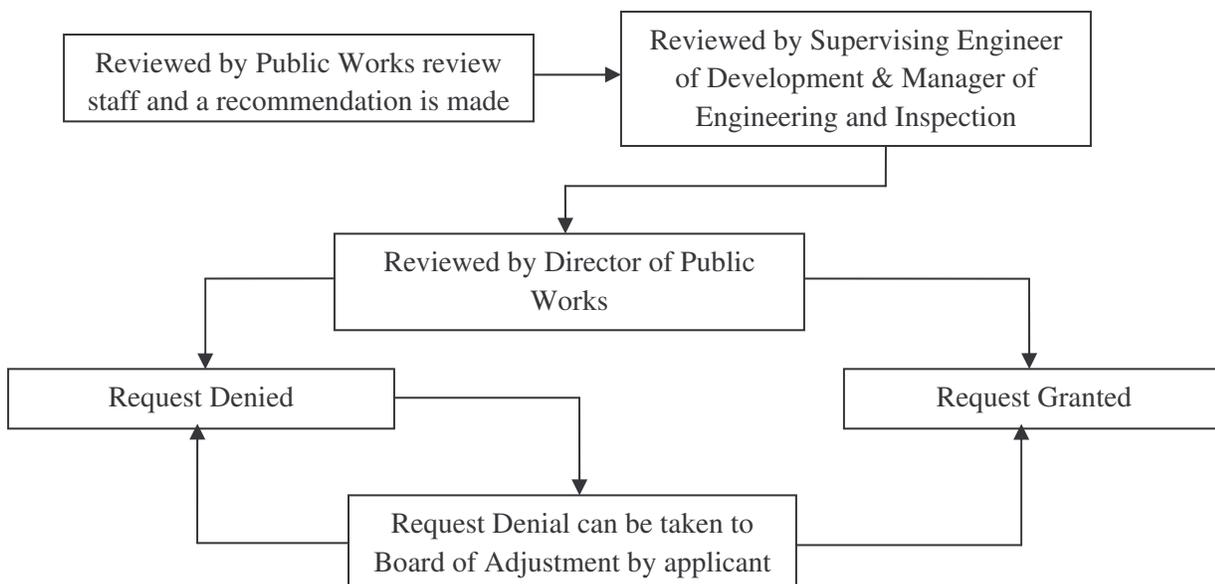
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

## REQUEST FOR USE OF ALTERNATE AND EQUIVALENT BMP'S

For sites that are not able to comply with the “Stormwater Management and Water Quality Manual.” The following information is required to be in the request letter:

- Specifically request in writing that the director authorize the use of alternate and equivalent BMP's of Chapter 12 A, Article V of the City of Columbia Code of Ordinances.
- Project Summary including description of project, location, present use, future use and present and future site conditions (i.e. drainage);
- The requirements of the manual which can be met;
- The impact the development will have on adjoining properties;
- Reasons for not being able to meet the requirements.
  - Cost can't be the sole reason, but can be a contributing factor. If cost is factor, please provide detailed estimates.
  - Describe any potential negative impacts of not meeting the requirements of the manual.
  - If a different material or process is requested than what is described in the manual, present an engineering review and detailed calculations to support the request.
  - Show that BMP's found in Appendix B of the “Stormwater Management and Water Quality Manual” have been reviewed as a possible solution. Describe why they will not work, are impractical, or unfeasible. Provide supporting calculations.
- Reasons the project should be excepted from the requirements of the manual:
  - Other benefits outweigh compliance with the manual. Provide detailed examples of these benefits.
  - Adjacent or affected property owners' approval of accepting additional or lower quality storm water.

**Process:** Once a variance letter is received the following process is followed:



Note: Process can take up to two weeks from submittal to director's decision. Denied, waivers taken to the Board of Adjustment will be handled on the schedule set forth by the City Clerk.