

Water Quality Protection Zone Ordinance Update
Dated: June 24, 2011

The Planning Commission met on June 23, 2011 to consider two ordinances – amendments to the Subdivision Regulations (Ordinance No. O-1011-52) and amendments to the Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. O-1011-53).

At the beginning of the meeting, Staff requested that the Zoning Overlay District ordinance (O-1011-53) be removed from consideration. The amendments to the Zoning Ordinance which had been proposed to create an overlay district over properties in the Lake Thunderbird Watershed, were removed from the Agenda by vote of the Planning Commission. If another amendment to the Zoning Ordinance is proposed at some point in the future, mailed and published notice will be provided to affected property owners, and a full public hearing will be held.

Staff also presented a substitute ordinance that amends the Subdivision Regulations (O-1011-52). The substitute ordinance is being provided on the City of Norman website to allow interested parties an opportunity to read it. Because subdivision regulations affect those who subdivide property (primarily developers and builders), Staff, in consultation with the Council Storm Water Master Plan Working Group, worked with representatives of those groups to draft a substitute ordinance applicable to subdividers of property that aims to improve the water quality of Lake Thunderbird.

The only way these substitute regulations will affect property owners is if those property owners choose to subdivide their property. Restrictions on the current uses of your property **DO NOT** occur with this substitute.

As always, City Staff is available to talk through this ordinance with any interested citizen and answer any questions you may have.