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**Subject: REVISION TO STORM WATER POLICIES AND STANDARDS (3.5.3.4)**

The purpose of this memorandum is to establish minor revisions to 3rd edition of the City of Phoenix Storm Water Policies and Standards (published December 2013). The following additions provide clarity to the Lot Grading section and supersede the July 25, 2025 memo.

### **3.5.3.4 Lot Grading**

Lots shall be graded to drain to the front so as not to affect adjacent property owners. Runoff may drain onto or through adjacent property if a City owned property, dedicated right-of-way, or privately owned drainage tract is provided and such grading schemes promote undisturbed watercourses.

Lots shall be graded to drain surface water away from foundation walls. The grade shall fall not fewer than 6 inches within the first 10 feet. Where lot lines, walls, slopes or other physical barriers prohibit 6 inches of fall within 10 feet, drains or swales shall be constructed to ensure drainage away from the structure. Except for ADA accessible paths and sidewalks, impervious surfaces within 10 feet of the building foundation shall be sloped not less than 2 percent away from the building. ADA accessible paths and sidewalks shall be sloped away from the building with a target (cross) slope of 1.5 percent, but within the range of 1 to 2 percent.