



CITY OF HOUSTON

Houston Public Works

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To: Houston Public Works Staff and
Interested Parties

From: Director

Date: May 16, 2019

Subject: **INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGN MANUAL
DETENTION REQUIREMENTS WITHIN
CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (CBD)**

The purpose of this memorandum is to clarify the application of Chapter 9 Stormwater Design Requirements of the City of Houston Public Works Infrastructure Design Manual (IDM), dated September 2018, specifically within the Central Business District (CBD).

The CBD is defined in Chapter 42, Code of Ordinances of the City of Houston, as the land area within Interstate Highways 10, 45, and 59. The amount of the impervious cover in the CBD has not changed significantly over the past 50 years. Sheetflow runoff within the CBD has not contributed to increased flooding over the past 50 years. Additionally, the stormwater conveyance system throughout the CBD has been systematically improved over the last two decades to address this development.

Based on these circumstances, it is the policy of the City of Houston Public Works to not require on-site or off-site detention for properties lying within the boundaries of the CBD. It is required, where applicable, to include Low Impact Development techniques as stated in the IDM Ch 13 for any developments within the CBD.

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