

**ENGINEERING POLICY: 100-2014**  
**Earth Retention Fee Adjustment (for Geothermal Wells)**  
**Date: February 20, 2014**

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**Policy:**

In an effort to promote the City's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Measures, this policy is intended to encourage the use of geothermal wells (AKA Heat Exchange Wells). For projects installing geothermal wells as part of their development / redevelopment, the City will adjust a portion of the earth retention fees. Specifically if a project is installing geothermal wells, the stabilization fee will be suspended during the time of the geothermal well installation.

For example, if a project is excavating a basement and installing geothermal wells, the process for construction includes:

1. Excavation and stabilization of the basement
2. Installation of Geothermal wells
3. Commence foundation installation

Earth Retention Fees associated with the project:

1. Fee is charged for the duration of the excavation and stabilization of the basement.
2. Fee is suspended during the geothermal well installation
3. Fee is charged again after the wells have been installed

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