City of Independence, MO  
Stream Buffer and Setback Regulations  
Article 5 Chapter 7 Independence City Code  
Construction Inspection Checklist

Stream Buffer Zones

First Order Streams - minimum average buffer width of 85 ft.  
Streamside Zone – 35 ft.; Middle Zone – 25 ft.; Outer Zone – 25 ft.
Second Order Streams - minimum average buffer width of 105 ft.  
Streamside Zone – 35 ft.; Middle Zone – 45 ft.; Outer Zone – 25 ft.
Third Order Streams - minimum average buffer width of 125 ft.  
Streamside Zone – 35 ft.; Middle Zone – 65 ft.; Outer Zone – 25 ft.
Fourth Order Streams - minimum average buffer width of 150 ft.  
Streamside Zone – 35 ft.; Middle Zone – 90 ft.; Outer Zone – 25 ft.

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__ __ Buffer boundary markers present?
__ __ Construction fencing at outer edge of middle buffer zone?
__ __ Permanent structures or impervious surfaces present?
__ __ Construction disturbance to buffer zones?

Stream Buffer Activities (Permitted)

Streamside Zone
__ __ Stormwater monitoring activities
__ __ Utility crossings
__ __ Road Crossings
__ __ Other: ________________________________

Middle Zone
__ __ Pervious (non-paved) paths or trails
__ __ Easements for sanitary sewers
__ __ Easements for stormwater best management practices
__ __ Other: ________________________________

Outer Zone
__ __ Minimum of 25 ft. from outer edge of middle zone to nearest permanent structure
__ __ Fencing
__ __ Other: ________________________________

Comments:
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Reviewer: ________________________  Date: ________________