

Overview of Changes to Chippewa County Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation Ordinance Resulting from Changes to NR 135 Code

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Substantive Changes:

1. **Outdated language.** Elimination of outdated language concerning the initial adoption and implementation of the ordinance.
2. **Reclamation standards:**
 - Clarification of limited use of slopes exceeding standard 3:1 requirement.
 - Highwall (quarry faces) -recognition of limited use of steep quarry faces if safety is planned into their use.
 - Require operator to address overall safety in the Reclamation Plan.
3. **Administrative process.** Streamlining administrative process on fee collection and annual reports. Note: Chippewa County was already consistent with these processes. This language clarifies the process.
4. **Dispute resolution.** Language to clarify that the DNR can be asked to give an opinion in the event of a dispute between the county and a regulated operator.

Incidental Changes:

1. **Update definitions.** Some updates to definitions, new definition of “highwall” (for quarry faces).
2. **Public hearings.** Now one posting in the newspaper is required instead of two.
3. **Fee increase.** Inflation adjustment to DNR fees if DNR does the plan review and permitting. Chippewa County fees are close to what the state would use.