
City Council Regular Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

FROM: Justin Scharnhorst, Deputy Director of Public Workers

MEETING: July 20, 2026

SUBJECT:

Consider and take possible action on an ordinance amending Section 82-41 “Definitions” of Article II “Industrial Waste Discharge” of Chapter 82 “Utilities” of the Code of Ordinances to provide definitions for PFAS-related terms. (First Reading) (*Staff Contact: Justin Scharnhorst, Deputy Director of Public Works*)

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AND GOAL:

Strategic Priority	Strategic Goal
 Dynamic & Preferred City Through Managed Growth	2.5 Develop and maintain facilities and utility services

SUMMARY:

The city’s current wholesale wastewater service agreement with Fort Worth includes requirements for Burleson to update ordinances related to the terms of the agreement as changes are enacted by the City of Fort Worth. A new ordinance regarding PFAS, commonly referred to as “forever chemicals” has been adopted by Fort Worth, incorporating definitions for PFAS-related terms:

- PFAS - Defined as perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, including specific compounds
- PFAS Analytical Method – Reference the currently applicable EPA analytical method (e.g., EPA draft Method 1633 for wastewater PFAS monitoring)
- PFAS Discharge Limit - If local numeric limits or narrative requirements are adopted

Failure of Burleson to maintain consistency with Fort Worth could be considered a breach of the wholesale agreement.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve an ordinance amending Section 82-41 of the Code of Ordinances providing definitions for PFAS-related terms.

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

N/A

REFERENCE:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

Proposed Expenditure/Revenue: N/A
Account Number(s): N/A
Fund: N/A
Account Description: N/A
Procurement Method: N/A

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