



## Staff Report – Ordinance

July 7, 2025 Council Regular Meeting

Ordinance No. 25-004 Removal of Fluoride from Drinking Water

Presenter: Rob Charles, Utilities Manager

Time Estimate: 30 minutes

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**BACKGROUND:** On March 17, 2025 a Public Hearing was held by City Council to take public testimony on the merits of continuing to add fluoride to the City's drinking water supply.

**SUMMARY:** The Council heard both positives and negatives of fluoride addition to the water supply. The choice to discontinue the addition of fluoride is a policy discussion by Council. At the March 17, 2025 public hearing, Council directed staff to bring back an ordinance removing fluoride from the drinking water supply.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** There is a savings of approximately \$40,000/year to remove fluoride from the drinking water supply.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should the majority of Council vote be to discontinue the addition of fluoride, the Council should adopt Ordinance No. 25-004 and it be published according to law.