



**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Dripping Springs**  
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**Submitted By:** Ginger Faught, Deputy City Administrator

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**Council Meeting Date:** June 28, 2022

**Agenda Item Wording:** Discuss and consider approval of an Ordinance Amending the City of Dripping Springs' Ordinances Article 20.06 – Retail Water Service relating to an ordinance establishing requirements concerning drought contingency plans and water conservation plans. *Sponsor: Mayor Foulds, Jr.*

**Agenda Item Requestor:** Ginger Faught, Deputy City Administrator

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**Summary/Background:** The City is currently the retail water supplier for Blue Blazes and Driftwood developments. The City is in the process of expanding its retail water service to additional neighborhoods as well (Anarene, Cynosure, and Cannon). In furtherance of providing retail water service, the City recently amended its Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) (Resolution No. 2022-R09) and a Water Conservation Plan (WCP) (Resolution No. 2022-R13). In addition, the West Travis County Public Utility Agency (from whom we obtain our wholesale water) and the Lower Colorado River Authority (from whom we will be obtaining raw water for the new neighborhoods require that we follow their Drought Contingency Plans and Water Conservation Plans.

The purpose of this ordinance is to codify the requirement that the City's retail water customers follow our DCP and WCP. Making it an ordinance provides us with enforcement authority and assures that not just the developer will comply, but each individual water customer must comply.

In addition, because the City is obligated by contracts with the WTCPUA and LCRA, this ordinance makes clear that our customers must comply with the most stringent of those plans. This is important because, for example, currently the LCRA is only at Stage 1 drought restrictions, but because of plant capacity issues, the WTCPUA is at Stage 3. Therefore, there is some variation among the plans.

Finally, because all the relevant DCPs address swimming pools, we are proposing an amendment to the ordinance dealing with swimming pool permits so that regardless of whether a person is a retail water customer, if that person is pulling a swimming pool permit, they must comply with the relevant DCP. This will be accomplished by requiring sign off on the building permit by the water provider.

**Commission  
Recommendations:**

N/A

**Recommended  
Council Actions:**

Recommend approval of the Amendment.

**Attachments:**

**Next Steps/Schedule:**

Continue to notify the public of drought restrictions and changes to pool permit requirements.