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## CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION ITEM

### CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS

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**AGENDA TOPIC:** Consideration and possible action approving the first reading of an ordinance amending the City of Fair Oaks Ranch Code of Ordinances, Chapter 13 “Utilities”, Article 13.06 “Water Conservation Plan”, Section 13.06.006 “Landscape Watering Management” to include an updated watering day schedule and providing for an effective date.

**DATE:** November 16, 2023

**DEPARTMENT:** Public Works

**PRESENTED BY:** Julio Colunga, Assistant Director of Public Works  
Kelsey Delgado, Environmental Program Manager

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#### **INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:**

At the September 7<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, a workshop was held to provide an overview of the City’s Water Conservation Plan and discuss potential updates. The current watering day schedule, which designates watering days based on the last digit of customer addresses, creates significant spikes in demand on Mondays due to the large number of addresses ending in “0” or “1.” These spikes in demand resulted in water plant shut down when storage tank levels got too low and emergency conservation notices this past summer.

Based on feedback received from Council, staff has drafted an ordinance amending the watering day schedule. This updated schedule shifts water utility customers whose addresses end in “0” to Sundays and moves all commercial accounts to Saturdays. Reducing peak demands by spreading watering days across seven days instead of five days will help improve utility management and operations. There is no change for residential customers with addresses ending in “1-9”.

To provide sufficient time to notify affected customers, the effective date of the proposed watering day schedule change is March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Staff plan to communicate the change via normal social media channels, City website updates, a postcard or billing insert, and information printed on monthly billing statements.

#### **POLICY ANALYSIS/BENEFIT(S) TO CITIZENS:**

- Supports Priority 3.1 of the Strategic Action Plan to Enhance and Ensure Continuity of Reliable Water Resources in Accordance with CCN Obligations
- Reduces peak demands on the utility which can lead to system failure, emergency conservation measures and boil water notices
- Minimizes water day schedule changes to the minimum necessary to mitigate peak demands

#### **LONGTERM FINANCIAL & BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

N/A

**LEGAL ANALYSIS:**

Legal has approved the ordinance as to form and content.

**RECOMMENDATION/PROPOSED MOTION:**

I move to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending the City of Fair Oaks Ranch Code of Ordinances, Chapter 13 "Utilities", Article 13.06 "Water Conservation Plan"; Section 13.06.006 "Landscape Watering Management" to include an updated watering day schedule and providing for an effective date.