



CITY COUNCIL CONSENT ITEM

CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS

AGENDA TOPIC: Approval of the second 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: December 7, 2023

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

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

PURPOSE:

On November 16, 2023, the City Council unanimously approved the first reading of an ordinance amending the City of Fair Oaks Ranch Code of Ordinances, Section 13.06.006 "Landscape Watering Management" to include an updated watering day schedule and providing for an effective date. This consent item represents the second reading of that ordinance.

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:

At the September 7th 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 City Council during a workshop held in September, staff 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 1st, 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:

Consent Agenda - I move to approve the second 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.