



CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS

AGENDA TOPIC: Landscape Watering Management Compliance Policy
DATE: March 7, 2024
DEPARTMENT: Public Works
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INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:

The City of Fair Oaks Ranch Code of Ordinances, Article 13.06 Water Conservation implements a year-round landscape watering schedule to ensure current and future residents of the City have a safe and adequate water supply for domestic use, sanitation, and fire protection. To guide staff with safeguarding the water conservation regulations related to landscape watering are adhered to and enforced fairly, an updated internal policy detailing the compliance method was created.

The goals of the Landscape Watering Management Compliance Policy include:

- Promoting the efficient and responsible use of the City's water resources;
- Providing clear guidance and establishing a compliance process for watering violations; and,
- Ensuring appropriate water conservation regulations are being observed and enforced fairly to all Fair Oaks Ranch Utilities water customers.

The policy defines the specific responsibilities of key individuals and groups and provides a three-phase watering violation compliance process from the initial notification of a violation to the filing of a sworn complaint in the municipal court.

2022 and 2023 Watering Violation Notices

2022	In Person	Posted/Emailed	In Person/Mailed
1 st Notice	27	25	0
2 nd Notice	1	0	0
Warning	0	0	0
2023	In Person	Posted/Emailed	In Person/Mailed
1 st Notice	41	68	0
2 nd Notice	4	15	0
Warning	0	0	2

Please note the Landscape Watering Management Compliance Policy applies to customers of Fair Oaks Ranch Utilities. Customers of other water utilities follow their respective water conservation plans.

Exhibit A - City of Fair Oaks Ranch Landscape Watering Management Compliance Policy.

Exhibit B - Educational Notice including Fair Oaks Ranch Utilities Watering Schedule flyer.

Exhibit C - Warning Notice.

Exhibit D – Sample Complaint

POLICY ANALYSIS/BENEFIT(S) TO CITIZENS:

1. Supports Priority 3.1 of the Strategic Plan to Enhance and Ensure Continuity of Reliable Water Resources in Accordance with CCN Obligations.
2. Complies with City Council's request to view the Landscape Watering Management Compliance internal policy.
3. Policy supplements the City of Fair Oaks Ranch Water Conservation ordinance related to landscape watering.
4. Policy establishes a three-phase process for watering violations.

LONGTERM FINANCIAL & BUDGETARY IMPACT:

There is no long-term financial or budgetary impact to the City.