



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

AGENDA ITEM REPORT

TO: Honorable City Council

FROM: James A. Gallup, City Manager
Porter Massengill, Public Works Director
Brian Rodgers, Utilities Superintendent

DATE: October 16, 2026

SUBJECT: Request for a Temporary Moratorium on High-Water Demand Developments

BACKGROUND:

- Per advisement from Jefferson City Utilities, we are recommending a temporary moratorium on current construction and future developments with projected high-water demand until water and sewer capacity can be assessed to support those developments.
- Since February, the Water Treatment Plant has worked diligently with Veolia to find ways to mitigate water production loss with the current membrane technology. Despite best efforts, we are only producing 4.7 million gallons per day.
- With this current limitation, we feel this necessitates a review of current projects individually to assess whether we have the capacity for these projects to move forward.

FISCAL IMPACT:

- This will affect not just Jefferson City developments but those within the New Market and Shady Grove Utility Districts.

REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

- There are legalities involved with issuing a moratorium, and every source we've researched recommends legal review by the City Attorney before moving forward. We recommend City Attorney review and guidance on this subject matter.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.