



COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY SHEET

MEETING DATE: November 24, 2025

TOPIC Review of Draft Ordinance – Amendments to Chapter 53 – Outdoor Irrigation Metering

BACKGROUND BRIEF:

Pursuant to the direction of the Village Council, Administration has prepared a draft ordinance permitting the Village's water and sewer customers to install outdoor irrigation meters to be able to deduct outdoor water consumption from sanitary sewer charges. The draft ordinance accomplishes the following:

- Authorizes separate outdoor irrigation metering
- Establishes the process and procedures for application, installation, and approval of outdoor irrigation meters
- Establishes the process and procedures for reading irrigation meters, adjusting sewerage bills, and reversion of billing if irrigation lines or meters are modified or bypassed without approval
- Establishes maintenance, ownership, and responsibility for irrigation meters by the Village, and protection of irrigation meters; prohibits tampering with irrigation meters, seals, or services lines; and establishes penalties for tampering
- Requires compliance with cross-connection and backflow prevention control regulations of the Village and State
- Provides for enforcement, penalties, and service termination for noncompliance
- Authorizes the setting of fees by resolution of Council for application for separate irrigation meters, irrigation meter installation or deposit, meter testing, turn-off and turn-on, late payments, backflow prevention device inspections or verification, and other fees

Attached is the rough draft of the ordinance for initial review by the Village Council.

It should be noted that outdoor irrigation metering under this proposed ordinance will be permitted for all customers, whether residential, commercial, or industrial.

Administration is requesting that Council review the draft ordinance provisions to ensure that they meet Council's expectations prior to engaging the Village Attorney to prepare the ordinance in final form for introduction.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:

10/27/2025 – Council directed the Village Manager to come up with a proposal for separate metering for irrigation systems and the cost of that for a resident with any additional costs for the Village for that.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Administration will be able to provide the costs for irrigation meters and administration of the program at the time the ordinance is introduced. It is anticipated that the Village will recover its costs, including meters, through appropriate application and meter fees established annually by resolution of Council. However, no data is available on water consumption for outdoor irrigation, resulting impact on sanitary sewer revenue due to deduction of outdoor water use, or cost to customers for individual installation of irrigation service lines.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

To direct the Village Manager to proceed to have the Village Attorney prepare the outdoor irrigation metering ordinance in final form as soon as is practicable for consideration for introduction by the Council.