



## COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY SHEET

**MEETING DATE:** June 8, 2026

**TOPIC** Introduction and First Reading – Amendments to Chapter 53 – Outdoor Irrigation Metering

### BACKGROUND BRIEF:

Pursuant to the direction of the Village Council, Administration has prepared a proposed 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 proposed 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 proposed ordinance for consideration 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.

**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.

11/24/2025 – Council reviewed the rough draft for an ordinance permitting outdoor irrigation and separate metering and directed the Village Manager to proceed to have the Village Attorney prepare the outdoor irrigation metering ordinance in final form. Work on this ordinance was subsequently delayed as a result of changes in legal firms.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The Village's Water and Sewer System will realize a reduction in sewer use revenue as a result of the deduction of outdoor watering from sewer billings. The lower sewerage consumption may result in higher sewer commodity rates in the future to recoup the revenue loss.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

To introduce and give first reading to an ordinance amending Chapter 53 – Water to permit the metering of outdoor irrigation and the adjustment of sanitary sewer bills accordingly; to schedule the ordinance for second reading and consideration for adoption at the Village Council's July 13, 2026, regular meeting; and to direct the Village Clerk to publish the required notice of the same.