

## **MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

**DATE:** June 4, 2024

**TO:** Mayor and Council

**FROM:** Melinda Moritz, Public Works Director

**THROUGH:** Crystal Caldera, Ph.D., City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Discussion and Possible Action to Consider Approval of an Ordinance Amending the Leon Valley Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14 Utilities, Article 14.05 Sewers, Section 14.05.001 Connection to Allow Properties Over One Acre in Size to Install On Site Sewage Facilities if Not Within 300' of the City's Sanitary Sewer System Mains (1<sup>st</sup> Read Held on 5/21/24)

**SPONSOR(S):** None

### **PURPOSE & BACKGROUND**

The purpose of this item is to consider approval of an Ordinance that would allow the installation of septic tanks on all lots over one acre in size that are connected to a public water system that are not within 300' of the City's sanitary sewer system, and to assure proper permitting and inspection.

Currently properties are required to connect to the City's sanitary sewer system if they are within 300' of a sewer main. Septic systems are allowed only in cases where a property is over one acre in size, is connected to the city's water system, and is located in the Monte Robles Park subdivision. The only other exception is where connection is not feasible due to the topography of the land.

This change would allow any property over one acre in size located anywhere in the city to install a septic system, provided they are connected to the city's water system, not within 300' of the city's sanitary sewer system mains, and the tanks are permitted and inspected by Bexar County.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The city would not collect revenue for sewer service from these properties. The city would also not have to service any sewer mains or lateral lines to these properties.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

At City Council discretion.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ DISAPPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS:

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ATTEST:

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**SAUNDRA PASSAILAIGUE, TRMC**  
City Secretary