

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: May 21, 2024

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Melinda Moritz, Public Works Director

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

SUBJECT: Presentation and Discussion 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 and Appendix A Schedule of Fees to Add a Subsection (d) On Site Sewage Facilities (OSSF) (Septic Tanks) Fees to Appendix A Schedule of Fees, Article A8.000 Building and Construction Related Fees, to Allow Properties Over One-Half Acre in Size to Install On Site Sewage Facilities and to Provide for Permitting and Inspection Fees and Services (1st Read as Required by City Charter)

SPONSOR(S): Councilor Josh Stevens

PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

The purpose of this item is to consider approval of an Ordinance that would allow the installation of septic tanks on lots over one-half acre in size that are connected to a public water system, and to provide for permitting and inspection of the same.

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 the 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-half acre in size located anywhere in the city to install a septic system, provided they are connected to the city's water system and the tanks are permitted and inspected.

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. The proposed fees are: (1) Base fee (includes inspection): \$100.00, (2) Sanitarian Plan Review Fee: \$65.00, (3) Reinspection fee: \$65.00.

RECOMMENDATION

At City Council discretion

APPROVED: _____ DISAPPROVED: _____

APPROVED WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS:

ATTEST:

SAUNDRA PASSAILAIGUE, TRMC
City Secretary