

**Council Meeting Date:
Special City Council Meeting August 31, 2022**

Agenda Item Cover Sheet

Agenda Item Subject/Title:

Discuss an Update to the Rainwater Collection Section of the Code and Consider How to Provide Incentives to Residents to Move Towards Greater Implementation of Rainwater Collection.

Agenda Item Summary:

Rainwater collection has become more common and less expensive. It is an excellent way for residents of a community to trap and store rainwater for use later on gardens and other landscape features. State guidelines give cities the directive and encouragement to incentivize and promote rainwater collection among their citizens. In recent years, rainwater harvesting has become a regular staple for providing the sole source of water for many residencies in Central Texas. As we have faced one of the most significant droughts of our time this past summer, it has become clear that the Wimberley Valley will continue to face water shortages as our population increases. What more can the City of Woodcreek do to help its citizens prepare for these challenges?

Texas Tax Code 151.355 allows for a state sales tax exemption on rainwater harvesting equipment.

Texas Property Code 202.007 prevents homeowners associations from banning rainwater harvesting installations.

Texas House Bill 3391 requires rainwater harvesting system technology to be incorporated into the design of new state buildings and allows financial institutions to consider making loans for developments using rainwater as the sole source of water supply.

Financial Impact:

re-codification costs of a future ordinance and staff wages related to the implementation of a incentive program

Recommendations:

Recommend that Council outline goals for a future update to the Rainwater Collection portion of our ordinance and consider the creation of a program to promote rain water harvesting in our community.

Supporting Documents Included:

Section 50.37 Impervious Coverage

HB 3391 Partial

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