



Council Agenda Correspondence

DATE: April 2, 2024

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Aaron Floyd, Utilities Director

VIA: Derek Johnson, City Manager

SUBJECT: ITEM 7A - INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 8 (SOLID WASTE), TITLE 12 (STORMWATER), TITLE 13 (WATER AND SEWER), AND TITLE 15 (PLUMBING CODE) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE

Staff received the following questions and comments regarding the proposed Ordinance Amendments, specifically Title 13 (Water and Sewer). The questions are below in **bold** with staff's response shown in *italics*:

- 1) Please clarify the elimination of the requirement for common interest developments to complete a sewer lateral camera inspection by January 1, 2030 (pg. 554 of the agenda packet).**

Common interest developments are multi-family and multi-commercial areas that often share a common sewer lateral within the parcel boundary. This subsection has been recommended for removal to be consistent and equitable with the inspection upon sale program, which does not assign a specific date for inspections completion. The following exceptions remain (and require an inspection) (see SLOMC 13.08.395(D)):

- 1) Whenever the city has issued a notice of violation following a sanitary sewer overflow event from a common interest development's private sewer lateral;*
- 2) An increase in the size of the water meter serving the common interest development.*

- 2) How will HOAs, common interest developments, and community service organizations know of the restriction of irrigating non-functional turf will be in effect on January 1, 2029 (pg. of the agenda packet 507)?**

"Non-functional turf" is solely ornamental and not regularly used for human recreational purposes or for civic or community events. Non-functional turf includes turf located within street rights-of-way and parking lots.

The non-functional turf requirements are new state regulations (AB 1572). Staff will be conducting extensive outreach to the community to ensure everyone has ample time to comply, which will include a series of targeted mailings, in-person presentations, and social media in multiple languages.

3) Will the City consider increasing the rebate amount for private sewer lateral replacements?

Staff received this recommendation during the outreach process and will be evaluating potential increased rebate amounts. The increased amounts have not yet been determined, but would be reflective of inflationary trends associated with construction. Any action related to increased rebates for private sewer laterals will be addressed through a separate council action, which would be included as part of a future budget hearing.

4) Will the City entertain the concept of “in-lieu” offset fees as an alternative to lateral offset requirements?

At this time, staff has not considered or evaluated an “in-lieu” offset fee program as an alternative to physical offset requirements. The proposed municipal code changes allow future consideration of in-lieu offset requirements that would expand the capacity of city sewer infrastructure.