



**CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI  
CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE  
COUNCIL ACTION REQUEST**

**TO:** Rebecca Huerta, City Secretary

**FROM:** Council Member Kaylynn Paxson, Dist. 4  
Council Member Eric Cantu, Dist. 3  
Council Member Gil Hernandez, Dist. 5

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**COPIES TO:** Mayor & Council  
Peter Zanoni, City Manager  
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**SUBJECT:** Motion to Discuss and act on updating the Drought Contingency Plan to define medical professional services as essential, and also defining private (exempt domestic) well use as auxiliary water and exempt from drought related exemptions.

Motion to discuss and act on adding a definition for essential and exempt water use categories.

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**ACTION REQUEST:**

Per Council Policy 16.d., we are requesting that the following item be placed on the March 24, 2026, City Council agenda for discussion and possible action:

Motion to Discuss and act on updating the Drought Contingency Plan to define medical professional services as essential, and also defining private (exempt domestic) well use as exempt from drought related exemptions.

Motion to discuss and act on adding a definition for essential and exempt water use categories to page 5 in the Drought Contingency Plan under "Definitions" as follows:

**Essential Water Use:** water use necessary for firefighting, health and safety, water needed to sustain human and animal life, and water necessary to satisfy federal, state and local public health, safety and environmental protection requirements. Exemptions for healthcare would include: hospitals, clinics, surgery centers, dialysis, nursing homes, and free standing emergency departments.

**Auxiliary Water:** water supply from a source other than Corpus Christi Water's potable water supply.

On page 25 edit:

Section 14. Exemptions and Variances.

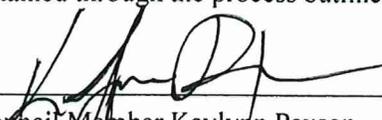
**14.1 Exemptions**

**Essential Water Use necessary to protect the health, safety, or welfare of the public.**

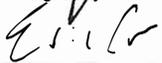
The use of reclaimed or auxiliary water that is not supplemented by or mixed with potable water supplied by Corpus Christi Water.

**14.2 Variances**

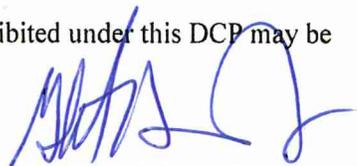
A temporary variance for existing water uses otherwise prohibited under this DCP may be obtained through the process outlined in Section 12.

  
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Council Member Kaylynn Paxson

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Council Member Eric Cantu

  
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