



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Public Hearing and First Reading for the City Council Meeting of January 31, 2017
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of February 14, 2017

DATE: January 25, 2017

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Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances by revising Chapter 14 Development Services Article II City of Corpus Christi Technical Construction Codes and Chapter 55, Utilities

CAPTION:

Ordinance amending Section 14-281, 14-231, 14-291, and 55-37 of the City's Code of Ordinances to amend the City's adopted International Plumbing, Building and Residential Codes, authorize the City to inspect, install, repair, and replace backflow assemblies and place the cost of said work on customer utility bills, amend other requirements related to the provision of water to reduce the chance of contamination of the City's water supply, and providing for penalties, publication, severance, and an effective date.

PURPOSE:

To revise the ordinance to authorizes the City to test, repair, replace and/or certify delinquent backflow device(s) and place the associated cost of the work on the property owner's utility bill for payment. This work could be done by the City or a third-party as needed.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Existing ordinances do not provide an effective way to enforce the requirement for testing and certification of backflow assemblies other than the termination of water service. This

is not a reasonable action in certain situations such as when the property is being leased/rented from an Owner who is not responsive to the multiple City notifications. The failure to test and certify backflow assemblies in accordance with current requirements requires the City to test and certify delinquent backflow assemblies to ensure their proper operation and mitigate risk to the City's water system.

ALTERNATIVES:

Denial or alterations of the recommended changes.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Not Applicable

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

The recommended changes comply with City policy.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Legal

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Operating Revenue Capital Not Applicable

Fiscal Year: 2016-2017	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget			
Encumbered / Expended Amount			
This item			
BALANCE			

Comments:

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the ordinance.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance
Presentation