

ST. PETERSBURG CITY COUNCIL

REPORT

Meeting of April 16, 2009

TO: Honorable Jeff Danner, Chair, and Members of City Council

SUBJECT: Amending the Reclaimed Water Policies and Regulations to allow for seasonal connections to the Reclaimed Water System upon a determination by the Water Resources Department of reclaimed water availability and making other modifications necessary to update the Policies and Regulations.

EXPLANATION:

The City of St. Petersburg has successfully implemented a Reclaimed Water Program since 1977. That program has been instrumental in the City achieving incredible success with water conservation and achieving the lowest per capita use of potable water supply in the region. During the yearly dry season, however, the reclaimed water supply occasionally has been insufficient to meet existing customer's demands. This seasonal limited availability of reclaimed water then caused the City to adopt reclaimed watering restrictions when warranted and to no longer allow the extension of reclaimed water service to new customers. At other times of the year, the reclaimed water supply is greater than the demand and is discharged into underground injection wells.

The City of St Petersburg has been requested by Canterbury School to connect to the City's Reclaimed Water System only when the reclaimed water is available. By resolution on March 19, 2009, City Council approved the development of a seasonal reclaimed water program that would allow Canterbury School to connect to the Reclaimed Water System upon payment of the actual cost to connect and subject to the Water Resources Department authority to determine when reclaimed water supplies would be available.


In order to implement City Council's directive, it is necessary for the City to amend its current Reclaimed Water Policies and Regulations (the "Policies"). A copy of the proposed modifications to the existing Policies is attached for your consideration. Proposed modifications to the Policies are summarized as follows:


- Policy statement included recognizing the need to address reclaimed water expansion.
- Language modifications to reflect changes to Department names and changes to the Utility Billing Review Committee.
- New definitions added including definition of "Seasonal Reclaimed Water Service".
- Priority established for seasonal customers.
- Criteria established for Seasonal Reclaimed Water Service including requirement that customer is responsible for costs of extension of service and cost of inspections.

COST/FUNDING/ASSESSMENT INFORMATION: No funds are required for this action.

ATTACHMENTS: Proposed Modifications to Reclaimed Water Policies and Regulations Resolution

APPROVALS:


Administration


Budget

RESOLUTION NO. : _____

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE RECLAIMED WATER POLICIES AND REGULATIONS TO ALLOW FOR SEASONAL RECLAIMED WATER SERVICE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND MAKING OTHER MODIFICATIONS NECESSARY TO UPDATE THE POLICIES AND REGULATIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, City Council by resolution on March 19, 2009 approved Seasonal Reclaimed Water Service in order to allow Canterbury School to connect to the City's Reclaimed Water System subject to the Water Resources Department's authority to turn the reclaimed water supply on and off and provided that the customer pays the cost for such connection; and

WHEREAS, in order to implement City Council's directive, it is necessary to amend the existing Reclaimed Water Policies and Regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida that amendments to the Reclaimed Water Policies and Regulations are hereby approved to allow for Seasonal Reclaimed Water Service subject to the Water Resources Department's authority to determine availability of the reclaimed water supply and provided that the customer pays the cost for such connection and making other modifications necessary to update the Policies and Regulations.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

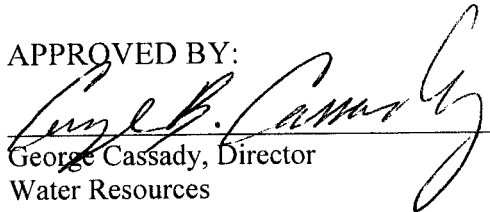
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LEGAL:



City Attorney (Designee)

APPROVED BY:



George Cassady, Director
Water Resources