



Department Source: City Utilities - Water and Light

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: May 6, 2019

Re: Amending Chapter 27 of the City Code as it relates to the establishment of water rates for Community Food Gardens.

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration an ordinance amending Chapter 27 of the City Code as it relates to the establishment of water rates for Community Food Gardens.

Discussion

At the January 22, 2019 public hearing for amending Chapter 27 of the City Code as it relates to water rates charged by the water utility, public comments were made requesting the establishment of specific water rates for community gardens that were utilized to support food production. Staff has received input from the Water & Light Advisory Board and several community groups for the establishment of rates for Community Food Gardens. At their April 4th meeting, the Water & Light Advisory Board recommended that the following definition and rate structure be forwarded to Council for adoption:

Definition: Community Food Garden. A collectively gardened area located on a lot or lots owned or leased by a property owner's association, homeowner's association, tenant's association, non-profit organization, public agency, or other entity deemed functionally equivalent by the Director, which is primarily intended for the purpose of cultivation of fruits and vegetables by individuals, either in individual garden plots or communally, and for noncommercial purposes. The designation of the area as a Community Food Garden is subject to the approval of the Director upon application by Customer. All Community Food Gardens shall be separately metered and any water use by Customer shall be solely for the purpose of the cultivation of fruits and vegetables within the designated Community Food Garden area. The Director may remove the designation of Community Food Garden from any Customer who is not operating within these requirements.

Rate: For water service metered separately for Community Food Garden: Customers shall be charged at rates provided in section 27-122(a), except that rates for Summer Water Usage shall not exceed the respective rate for usage of seventy-one (71) to one hundred seventy (170) percent of winter average consumption.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None

Long-Term Impact: None



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Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impacts

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
01/22/2019	Council Bill 11-19: Amending Chapter 27 of the City Code as it relates to water rates.

Suggested Council Action

Consideration of the request to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 27 of the City Code as it relates to rates charged by the water utility for Community Food Gardens.