

Update on Mandatory Reuse Ordinances



10/25 Memo To Mayor And Council (MMAC)

- To allow more time for consideration of the onsite water reuse system ordinance changes and to establish exemptions to the requirements for certain affordable housing projects, Austin Water recommended that the implementation of the reclaimed water connection requirement for developments with a multifamily component and requirements for OWRS be considered by Council on March 7, 2024.



Timeline

- Council actions to postpone effective date
 - Amend Ordinance No. 20210930-117 to postpone the effective date for mandatory OWRS for large development projects. **November 9, 2023 Council Meeting - Approved**
 - Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance to amend City Code Chapter 25-9 (Water and Wastewater) to extend the variance for reclaimed water connection requirements for large development projects with a multifamily component. Waive the requirement to go to Planning Commission for this item. **November 30, 2023 Council Meeting**



Timeline

- Council actions to implement the final requirements for an OWRS and the expansion of the Reclaimed Water Connection mandate:
 - Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance to amend City Code Chapter 25-9 (Water and Wastewater) to clarify requirements for water conservation in the implementation of the Water Forward plan. **March 7, 2024 Council Meeting**
 - Amend City Code Chapter 15-13 (Regulation of Onsite Water Reuse Systems) to establish development project requirements for mandatory onsite water reuse systems and add clarifying language to onsite water reuse system regulations. **March 7, 2024 Council Meeting**



Timeline

- Council actions to continue the existing OWRS incentive program:
 - Reauthorize the Onsite Water Reuse System Pilot Incentive Program for Fiscal Year 2024 to encourage voluntary installation of these systems for housing projects that are exempt from these requirements. **March 7, 2024 Council Meeting**





Questions?

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