

Amendment 2 - CM Vela
6 Month Study and Additional Direction
Item 37 - 3/7/24 Meeting

Amend the ordinance to add a new part that reads as follows:

The City Council directs the City Manager to provide an update on the following items 6 months after the passage of the ordinance.

- 1) Costs of compliance on actual projects compared to estimated costs.
- 2) Estimated water savings from the new requirements.
- 3) Participation in cost share and incentive programs.
- 4) A holistic comparison of the impact of these requirements and fees on residents of different housing typologies including suburban single family, mid rise buildings, high rise buildings, developments utilizing density bonus programs or affordable housing dollars, and commercial development. The analysis should include an impact of the additional monthly rents from higher construction costs, the offsets from the cost share and incentive programs, fee-in-lieu payments, lower water rates from reclaimed water use, and the community benefits charge.

The City Manager is further directed to explore the feasibility of a program to fully subsidize the cost of reclaimed connections, dual use plumbing, and on site water reuse systems for affordable housing projects that are exempt from the requirements with the goal of implementing a program by April 1st, 2025. The funding should come from sources other than affordable housing programs.

The City Manager is further directed to provide recommendations to ensure that the burden of the fees and requirements is equitable cost impact upon different types of development and users based on actual water usage.