



AGENDA MEMO
12/3/2013 Agenda

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Gene R. Smallwood, P.E.; Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Restriction of Irrigation

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to discussion of water conservation at the June 3rd City Council meeting, staff developed an ordinance placing restriction on irrigation of lawns and landscape materials to the following dates and times:

- Customers with a “EVEN” house address shall water on Sundays and Thursdays;
- Customers with an “ODD” house address shall water on Saturdays and Wednesdays;
- Multifamily development, offices, and other properties having multiple address must use the lowest street address number for the designated outdoor water use days for the property

Exceptions to the aforementioned schedule are:

- Using a hand-held hose, drip irrigation device or system, soaker hose, or hand-held bucket;
- Irrigating during the repair or testing of a new or existing automatic irrigation system;
- Only using water from a source other than the City’s water system;
- Irrigating public rights-of-way, public parks and public property to preserve and protect community amenities, such irrigating to be done for one-half the sites on Tuesdays and Fridays, and one-half the sites on Mondays and Thursdays due to mowing schedule; and,
- Irrigating a newly planted landscape within thirty (30) days of the date it was installed, provided that the person was watering only the newly planted landscape. The term “newly planted landscape” does not include the over-seeding of established turf with rye or other seed.
- Irrigating athletic fields used for organized sports practice, competition, or exhibition events as necessary to protect the health and safety of the players, staff, or officials present for athletic events.

The restriction would be in place throughout the year, although the time of watering, between 6 p.m. and 10 a.m., would remain in effect April 1st through October 31st.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends City Council approval of Ordinance No ___ restricting irrigation of lawns and landscape materials to designated days and times.