

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2016-404

**Sponsor:** Council President at the request of the Mayor:

**Date of Introduction:** June 14, 2016

**Committee(s) of Reference:** R; TEU

**Date of Analysis:** June 17, 2016

**Type of Action:** Ordinance Amendment

**Bill Summary:** The ordinance amends Chapter 366 (Groundwater Resource Management), *Ordinance Code*, Part 5 (Water Conservation and Landscape Irrigation), amending Section 366.502 (Landscape Irrigation Intent, Jurisdiction and Purpose); amends Section 366.503 (Definitions) to amend the definition for "Landscape Irrigation"; amends Section 366.504 (Landscape Irrigation Schedule) to amend provision for irrigation wells where reclaimed water is available; amends Section 355.505 (Exceptions to Landscape Irrigation Schedule) to include bubbler irrigation in the exceptions, and to amend the watering schedule for the use of recycled water from wet detention treatment ponds.

**Background Information:** Under state law, local governments that enact water management district water conservation measures are required to update their regulations to maintain consistency with the applicable water management district regulations. Since the amendments to Chapter 366, Ordinance Code, in 2009, the St. Johns River Water Management District amended the rules so these amendments of Chapter 366, Ordinance Code, will conform the City's irrigation conservation measures to SJRWMD requirements. The definitions are amended to conform to the SJRWMD rule, which clarifies changes to the classification of agricultural crops, nursery plants and cemeteries, and adds SJRWMD definitions for "non-residential landscape irrigation" and "residential landscape irrigation". The requirements are clarified for private irrigation wells so that if reclaimed water is available with a utility point of connection, then use of private irrigation wells is not authorized. Bubbler irrigation systems are included along with micro-irrigation in the exceptions from the irrigation schedule. The use of recycled water from wet detention treatment ponds is permitted anytime as long as the ponds are not augmented from other sources.

**Policy Impact:** Neighborhoods Department/Environmental Quality Division

**Fiscal Impact:** Minimal

**Analyst:** Jackson