

**REQUESTED MOTION:** Provide direction to staff to revise and update the City’s current Water Conservation and Irrigation Restriction Regulations (Article III Water Conservation – Sec. 42-47) to provide for compliance and consistency with the requirements set forth by Florida Statutes and the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD).

**REQUESTOR:** Arleen Hunter, City Manager & Sean Gibbons, Environmental Sciences – Com. Dev. Dept.

**AGENDA:** City Manager Items

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:** # 4 Environment

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**BACKGROUND:**

In an effort to assure compliance with State Statutes (Chapter 40E-24 & 40E-21 of the Florida Administrative Code), the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) has reached out to all municipalities within the district with direction to, and guidance for, updating and amending their respective regulations pertaining to Water Conservation and Irrigation Restrictions for consistency across the district. The principal goals are to: Assure the continued viability, quantity and quality of the area’s water resources long into the future; Provide consistency among the regulatory language(s) used across the district; assure full compliance with the requirements of State Statute(s); Assure protection of our water resources during periods of extensive drought; and provide District resources and support for regulatory guidance and enforcement. It is also worth noting that applications for funding under the District’s Cooperative Funding Program for FY2022 will be evaluated based on factors including the adoption of an ordinance which fully comports with Chapter 40E-24 F.A.C; a consideration which may be extended to other cooperative funding programs in the future as well.

Should Council direct staff to proceed, staff will bring back the ordinance for first reading in July.

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**REVIEWERS:**

City Manager: Arleen Hunter  
City Attorney: Derek Rooney  
City Clerk: Debra Filipek  
Department Director:

Council Action: Approved \_\_\_ Denied \_\_\_ Deferred \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_