

Proposed Addition Ordinance Section 2.12.115: Department of Water Utilities

Add the following Section 2.12.115 Department of Water Utilities:

A. Established

There shall be a Department of Water Utilities under the supervision of a Director of Water Utilities who shall be appointed to a term of three years by the Mayor, with City Council approval. The mission of the Department is to provide residents and businesses with the highest quality drinking water, sewer and storm drainage systems while ensuring the safety, reliability, and efficiency of those systems.

B. Authorities and Responsibilities

1. The Department provides for the routine and emergency maintenance and repair of city water, sewer and storm drain utilities including stormwater detention areas on city land. The Department also maintains hydrants, standpipes, street fountains and all other city-owned connections with the water system.
2. The Department ensures drinking water quality meets the Safe Drinking Water Act standards through inspection, testing and maintenance of city infrastructure and ensuring private water service connections and operations meet regulations and standards necessary to protect drinking water quality. The Department hires personnel with the necessary experience and certifications to operate the drinking water system.
3. The Department operates, flushes and otherwise maintains the water system to ensure adequate pressure for users and firefighting, and repairs and reads water meters.
4. The Department ensures that the city's storm drain system complies with the Clean Water Act by taking actions necessary to comply with storm water discharge permits including storm water quality testing, discovering and removal of cross-connections between the sewer and storm drain system, reduction of groundwater infiltration and other necessary actions.
5. The Department operates, cleans and otherwise maintains the sewer and drain systems to ensure reliable flow of sewage and stormwater.
6. The Department operates any structures related to flood control or prevention.

Section 11 of the Municipal Code is hereby amended by replacing phrase "Director of Public Works" with the phrase "Director of Water Utilities" in the following paragraphs:

Sewers

11.04.010 (including the title)

11.04.030, 11.04.040, 11.04.050, 11.04.060, 11.04.070, 11.04.080 and 11.04.090

Water

11.20.010, 11.20.050