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TO: Ande Banks, City Manager

FROM: Chris Brown, City Attorney, Mike Collins, Director of Public Utilities, David Gray, Engineering Manager

DATE: May 3, 2023

RE: Amendments to Section 7-2-9- Private water lines

Summary: The proposed amendments to Section 7-2-9 update the language used in the current ordinance, clarify the responsibilities associated with the ownership and maintenance of waterlines with the rights-of-way, easements and private property.

Background: The proposed amendments to Section 7-2-9 clarifies that all waterlines deemed essential to the public distribution system shall be publicly owned and maintained, while waterlines providing service to a single customer fire suppression system (including sprinklers and standpipes) are privately owned and are the responsibility of the customer to maintain. The exception is the water service line to the meter, which is provided by the City.

Key Issues: Update language used in Section 7-2-9, clarify the responsibility for the ownership and maintenance of fire suppression systems.

Environmental Impact: none

Fiscal Impact: None

Prior Actions: Adoption of current Section 7-2-9.

Alternatives:

- (a) Adopt the ordinance as presented; or
- (B) Adopt the ordinance with additional changes; or
- (C) Decline to adopt the ordinance

Community Engagement: None



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Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the proposed amendments.

Attachments:

- 1) Amended ordinance
- 2) Current ordinance

Review:

The initiating Department Director will place in Legistar, in sequence of transmittal, the names of each department that must initial their review in order for this item to be placed on the City Council agenda. The completion of review only addresses the readiness of the issue for Council consideration. This does not address the recommendation for approval or denial of the issue

