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To: Ande Banks, City Manager

From: Thomas Hartman, PE, PMP, LEED AP, Director of Public Works

Date: May 28, 2024

Re: Proposed Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Ordinance Amendment

Summary:

City Council will consider adopting an ordinance amendment and reenactment for Section 7-6-5, Discharges to the MS4, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Harrisonburg.

Background:

The proposed ordinance amendments are based on updates to the City's MS4 permit language regarding illicit discharges. Revisions were to distinguish between exempt flows from emergency fire-fighting activities and training fire-fighting activities, which required them to be managed in a manner to avoid in-stream impacts, and to clarify when exterior washing activities were not considered an illicit discharge.

Key Issues:

N/A

Environmental Impact:

This amendment ensures that the City Ordinance is consistent with the City's MS4 permit.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Prior Actions:

N/A

Alternatives:

- (a) Adopt ordinance amendments as presented.
- (b) Decline to take action at this time.

Community Engagement:

None

Recommendation:

Staff recommends alternative (a).

Attachments:

1. Revised Ordinance with and without track changes.

Review: