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TO: Kurt Hodgen, City Manager
FROM: Wesley Russ, Assistant City Attorney
DATE: October 3, 2016
RE: Drought Ordinance Amendment

Summary: Update Drought Ordinance to be consistent with the Virginia Water Protection Individual Permit issued effective June 28, 2016.

Background: The Drought Ordinance was last amended on December 14, 2010.

Key Issues: The amended language reflects the permit requirement that conservation measures be implemented when a drought emergency is declared by the Commonwealth of Virginia in the Shenandoah Drought Evaluation Region or by either Rockingham County or the City of Harrisonburg. Per the Upper Shenandoah River Basin Drought Preparedness and Response Plan (USRBDPRP), the City of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County follow the same indicators to determine whether a drought emergency exists. Additionally, the language reflects the permit requirement that the conservation measures implemented be the most restrictive of those either directed by the Commonwealth, the Drought Management Ordinance, the Drought Management Plan, or the mandatory conservation measures detailed in the permit.

Environmental Impact: None

Fiscal Impact: None

Prior Actions: The Drought Ordinance was last amended on December 14, 2010.

Alternatives:

- (a) Approve ordinance amendment; or
- (b) Deny ordinance amendment.

Community Engagement: N/A

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the amendments to the ordinance.

Attachments:

- 1. Red-lined copy of Sec. 7-2-19.
- 2. Virginia Water Protection Individual Permit, Part I – Special Conditions.

Review:



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