



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 3.

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RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF: OCTOBER 16, 2007

DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY
DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC

Consent Discussion

SUBJECT:
NEW BILL

Bill No. 2007-57 Amends the City's drought plan regulations to remove certain turf-planting restrictions and provide a limited exemption from the mandatory watering schedule for properties using smart controllers. Sponsored by: Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian

Fiscal Impact

No Impact

Augmentation Required

Budget Funds Available

Amount:

Funding Source:

Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

At its September 5, 2007, meeting, the City Council approved revisions to the Southern Nevada Water Authority Drought Plan. This bill will conform the City's implementing regulations to the revised Plan by removing certain turf-planting restrictions and providing a limited exemption from the mandatory watering schedule for properties using smart controllers.

RECOMMENDATION:

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Bill No. 2007-57
2. Business Impact Statement

Motion made by RICKI Y. BARLOW to Approve as a Do Pass

Passed For: 2; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

LOIS TARKANIAN, RICKI Y. BARLOW; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN declared the Public Hearing open.

CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY STEED explained that this bill is a follow up to the amended drought plan approved a few meetings ago, and it implements provisions to remove turf limitations. Additionally, if a person installs a smart controller, he/she would not be subject to water restrictions.

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CITY MANAGER DOUG SELBY clarified for COUNCILMAN BARLOW that smart timers have moisture sensors. COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN added that they are set according to the quality of the soil, types of plants and weather conditions. This saves water, and the electronic timers are controlled by a central office. If a sprinkler breaks, it can be repaired quickly.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW asked the reason for the amendment. COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN replied that those people that have smart sensors could water two days consecutively; it is electronically based and has been scientifically proven to work. Consequently, the Water District recognized that those people that have smart sensors should not be restricted to the same watering schedule.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN declared the Public Hearing closed.

