



## **AGENDA MEMO**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: APRIL 15, 2009**

**DEPARTMENT: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**ITEM DESCRIPTION: DIR-33669 APPLICANT/OWNER: RALPH T. JOECKER**

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### **\*\* CONDITIONS \*\***

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: APPROVAL**, subject to:

#### **Planning and Development**

1. The applicant shall pay a fee to the City through the Planning and Development Department of \$430.00 to operate the water feature through 12/31/09. This fee shall be paid within 30 days of the approval of this application. For subsequent years in which Drought Watch or Drought Alert has been declared an annual renewal fee of \$250.00 shall be paid.
2. The applicant shall post and maintain a sign located at the water feature indicating that an exemption has been received allowing its operation.

**\*\* STAFF REPORT \*\***

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

This is a request to allow the operation of a water feature that totals 43 square feet at an existing single-family residence on 0.309 acres at 8909 Canyon Springs Drive. The activation of this water feature will not place an undue hardship on the Southern Nevada Water Authority or the City of Las Vegas. The applicant shall comply with Title 14 regarding water features. Approval of this request is recommended.

**ANALYSIS**

The applicant is requesting to activate a 43 square-foot Water Feature near the front entrance of their residence. Under current drought conditions, a maximum of 25 square feet is permitted without receiving an exemption. This Water Feature exceeds the maximum permissible area by 18 square feet.

Per Title 14.11.190, an initial fee of \$10 per square-foot of surface area shall be applied to the subject water feature. The initial fee shall be paid within 30 days of approval of this application. Additionally, an annual renewal fee of \$250 shall be applied. Per Title 14.11.190, an annual renewal fee is due in years when either a Drought Watch or Drought Alert has been declared. For applications approved in the first six months of the calendar year, the annual renewal fee shall be due at the beginning of the next succeeding calendar year. In this case, the due date is January 1, 2010, if Drought Watch or Drought Alert is declared.

It is also noted that in order to inform the public that an exemption has been received for the subject Water Feature, the applicant shall post a sign adjacent to the subject Water Feature as such.

**FINDINGS**

The activation of the 43 square-foot Water Feature will not place an undue hardship on the Southern Nevada Water Authority of the City of Las Vegas. The applicant shall comply with Title 14 regarding Water Features. Approval of this request is recommended.

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| <b><u>NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS NOTIFIED</u></b> | N/A |
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| <b><u>ASSEMBLY DISTRICT</u></b> | N/A |
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| <b><u>SENATE DISTRICT</u></b> | N/A |
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