

City of Tamarac
Interoffice Memorandum 21 02 001M
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

To: Michael C. Cernech, City Manager
From: Maxine Calloway, Community Development
Date: February 22, 2021
Re: **TO # 2462 – Revising Section 22-303 of the City Code of Ordinances “Year-Round Permanent Landscape Irrigation Measures” to prohibit daily irrigation between 7 am to 4 pm – March 10, 2021 Commission Mtg.**

Recommendation: The Director of Community Development recommends that the City Commission adopt the proposed revision to Chapter 22, Article VIII, Section 22-303 of the City of Tamarac’s Code of Ordinances on First Reading on March 10th, 2021 and on Second Reading on March 24, 2021.

Issue: The proposed revision to Section 22-303 of Chapter 22, Article VIII of the City Code of Ordinances is necessary to extend the prohibition on daily irrigation from 10:00 am to 7:00 am to allow safe and frequent use of the City’s sidewalks by students and residents.

Background: The City Commission of the City of Tamarac adopted Ordinance No. O-2001-02, which created Article VIII “Water Conservation Regulations”, the provisions of which were codified in Sections 22-300 through 22-309, in Chapter 22 of the City’s Code of Ordinances (“Ordinance No. O-2001-02”). Ordinance O-2001-02 authorized the City to implement certain water conservation measures.

To encourage more responsible use of water resources throughout South Florida, the South Florida Water Management District Governing Board adopted the Mandatory Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Conservation Measures (Year-Round Irrigation Rule), Chapter 40E-24, Florida Administrative Code (FAC), in 2010. The rule restricts the times and number of days landscape irrigation is allowed within the District’s jurisdiction and follows scientifically sound recommendations for lawn irrigation. The rule further requires all counties and municipalities within the District to update their local irrigation ordinances to be in compliance with the District’s Year-Round Irrigation Rule.

As such, on August 26, 2020, the City Commission of the City of Tamarac updated its local irrigation ordinance by adopting Ordinance O-2020-009, which amended and restated Chapter 22, Article VIII in its entirety, implementing procedures to protect the water resource of the City and further promote water conservation through the efficient use of landscape irrigation in accordance with South Florida Water Management’s District’s Mandatory Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Conservation Measures under Chapter 40E-24 Florida Administrative Code.

On July 15, 2020, Commission Bolton responded to Pranav Gupta, a student at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, regarding Mr. Gupta’s own experience and his proposal to turn off sprinklers during school zone times (see attachment). Subsequently, on

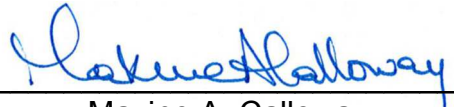
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February 11, 2021, Mr. Gupta provided recent legislation passed by the City of Doral, enacting restrictions on daily irrigation during school hours (also attached). Consequently, Commissioner Bolton requested that draft legislation be forwarded to the City Commission for its consideration to adjust the City’s own daily irrigation prohibition from 10:00 am to 7:00 am.

Section 22-303 covers Year-Round Permanent Landscape Irrigation Measures and provides for a prohibition on daily irrigation commencing at 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. In order to provide for safe sidewalks to encourage daily use of students and residents, while creating a “sprinkler free” zone, during school zone hours, a minor tweak of Section 22-303 was necessary. The 10:00 am time was stricken and replaced with a 7:00 am time, allowing for the daily irrigation prohibition to commence at 7:00 am until 4:00 pm.

Fiscal Impact: There is no direct fiscal impact to this proposed Ordinance. The City currently has the authority via the existing City Ordinance to level penalties of \$50.00 per the First Violation and for fines not to exceed \$250.00 and/or imprisonment in the County Jail not to exceed 60 days.



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Director of Community Development

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Attachments:

Temporary Ordinance #2462
Email from Pranav Gupta – Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Student
City of Doral Water Use Restrictions Ordinance