City of Boerne	AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
AGENDA DATE	September 11, 2018
DESCRIPTION	CONSIDER ON SECOND READING ORDINANCE NO. 2018-32; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF BOERNE, TEXAS, CHAPTER 22, UTILITIES, AMENDING ARTICLE II. WATER SYSTEM, SEC. 22-41. PROHIBITED USES OF WATER – YEAR ROUND RESTRICTIONS; SEC. 22-53. EMERGENCY ACTION BY CITY MANAGER; SEC. 22-55. CRITERIA FOR INITIATION AND TERMINATION OF DROUGHT RESPONSE STAGES (EXCEPT WHEN A CRITICAL WATER SHORTAGE EXISTS; SEC. 22-56. DROUGHT RESPONSE STAGES; (A) STAGE I; AND ESTABLISHING A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000 FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ORDINANCE. (Include reclaimed water)
STAFF'S RECOMMENDED ACTION (be specific)	Approve On Second Reading Ordinance No. 2018-32; An Ordinance Of The Code Of Ordinances, City Of Boerne, Texas, Chapter 22, Utilities, Amending Article II. Water System, Sec. 22-41. Prohibited Uses Of Water – Year Round Restrictions; Sec. 22-53. Emergency Action By City Manager; Sec. 22-55. Criteria For Initiation And Termination Of Drought Response Stages (Except When A Critical Water Shortage Exists; Sec. 22-56. Drought Response Stages; (A) Stage I; And Establishing A Penalty Not To Exceed \$1,000 For Violations Of The Ordinance. (Include reclaimed water)
CONTACT PERSON	Jeff Thompson
SUMMARY	<ul> <li>With the high temperatures and low rainfall, the city has once again needed to implement the Drought Management Plan in our ordinances relating to water usage this Summer. With the recent growth of our new utility, Reclaimed Water, we have noted a need for some additional clarity in the ordinance as it relates to restrictions for reclaimed water used for irrigation of lawns in Esperanza and Ranches at Creekside.</li> <li>The language we propose to add to the ordinance is intended to make very clear that although reclaimed water does not have the same restrictions on usage as potable water supply for irrigation, there are certain restrictions that apply to all types of water use as a finite resource that should be used wisely.</li> <li>There are two specific restrictions on reclaimed water use we wish to emphasize:</li> <li>There are limitations on the hours of the day that it can be used for outdoor irrigation the same as potable water:</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>after 7 pm up to 11 am to maximize the benefit to landscapes and minimize loss from evaporation and;</li> <li>Wasting of water of any type is not allowed. This includes having faulty sprinkler heads that spray on impervious surfaces like streets and driveways, having leaks that need repair, and watering to the point where it is running off the landscape and into the street</li> </ul>
	The Customer Service Department has created a one-page information sheet (attached) for new home residents in Esperanza and Ranches at Creekside, the two developments that have access to reclaimed water at the present. We have given this handout to all new utility customers in those subdivisions but have also fielded questions which indicated to us the need to strengthen and clarify the wording in the ordinance.
COST	
SOURCE OF FUNDS	
ADDITIONAL	Drought Management Ordinance Revised; Customer Service
INFORMATION	Reclaimed Water Information Sheet

This summary is not meant to be all inclusive. Supporting documentation is attached.