

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 05/18/21

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 21-0350

LOG NAME: 60AMEND ORDINANCE CHAPTER 12.5

SUBJECT

(ALL) Adopt Attached Ordinance Amending Chapter 12.5, Environmental Protection and Compliance, Article VI, Industrial Waste, Section 12.5-658 for Commercial and Industrial Dischargers into the Village Creek and Trinity River Authority Central Regional Wastewater Treatment Facilities

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached ordinance amending the City Code, Chapter 12.5, Environmental Protection and Compliance, amending Section 12.5-658 of Article VI, Industrial Wastewater, regulating commercial and industrial discharges into the Village Creek and Trinity River Authority Central Regional Wastewater Treatment Facilities.

DISCUSSION:

The City Council adopted Chapter 12.5, Environmental Protection and Compliance, Article VI, Industrial Wastewater, containing the requirements of the federally mandated Environmental Protection Agency pretreatment regulations found in Chapter 40 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) 403 and has subsequently approved amendments as necessary in November 1995, March 2003, July 2006, January 2009, and January 2012. Article VI of the City Code regulates commercial and industrial facilities, as well as describes the prohibitions and limitations for wastewater discharged to the City of Fort Worth Village Creek Wastewater Treatment Facility. Some areas exist within the City of Fort Worth where commercial and industrial facilities discharge wastewater to the Trinity River Authority (TRA) Central Regional Wastewater Treatment Facilities. Dischargers into each of these facilities must meet the prohibitions and limitations specified by the pretreatment program as approved by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

The TCEQ reviewed the City's regulations during an audit in November 2020 and has mandated the City adopt a shorter reporting timeframe in Section 12.5-658 from thirty days to ten days for self monitored violations. In order to allow for the proper regulation of these commercial and industrial facilities, Article VI, Industrial Wastewater has been amended to include the correction TCEQ required for dischargers to the Village Creek and TRA Regional Wastewater Treatment Facilities.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that approval of this recommendation will have no material effect on City funds.

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