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Memorandum

To: Mayor and Council
From: Frank Martin, Director
CC: Tammi Saddler Jones, City Administrator
RE: Ordinances Chapter 102 Utilities

This is a request from Public Works to adopt an ordinance listed in this letter of intent. Currently, Section 102-17 is reserved for new ordinances and Public Works would like to adopt a new ordinance in Chapter 102 to cover irrigation systems. This ordinance is to comply with the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District, mandated by EPA.

The newly adopted ordinance will include the following standards if adopted by Mayor and Council:

Section 102-17. – Water waste ordinance for outdoor water use.

The water waste ordinance is to encourage the efficient use of outdoor water and the proper maintenance of irrigation and plumbing systems. "Water waste" is defined in this section to mean the unnecessary loss of water through improper application or failure of a plumbing or irrigation system resulting in excessive runoff. The following activities will be subject to a penalty:

- (a) A broken irrigation system (missing heads, broken pipes, etc.).
- (b) Excessive runoff-water running down the driveway, street, or sidewalk.
- (c) A hose running-unattended without a shutoff nozzle.
- (d) A visible and unrepaired leak in excess of one gallon per minute.