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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 102-16 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 102-16. – Rain sensor requirements for landscape irrigation systems

- (a) As used in this section, the term “rain sensor shut-off switch” means an electric device that detects, and measures rainfall amounts and overrides the cycle if an irrigation system so as to turn off such system when a predetermined amount of rain has fallen.
- (b) No person shall install any landscape irrigation system equipped with an electronic controller that does have a rain sensor shut off.
 - (1) This requirement shall not apply to either landscape irrigation systems installed on golf courses, or any dependent upon a non-public water source.
 - (2) Any person who installs a landscape irrigation system equipped with an electric controller in violation of this code section shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$100.00 per violation.