



City Council Staff Report

DATE: July 13, 2016

CONSENT CALENDAR

SUBJECT: SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1894 AMENDING THE PALM SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ACCEPTANCE OF INDUSTRIAL COOLING WATER OR UNPOLLUTED PROCESS WATER INTO THE CITY'S SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM FOR TREATMENT.

FROM: David H. Ready, City Manager

BY: Office of City Clerk

SUMMARY:

The City Council will consider adoption of Ordinance No. 1894.

RECOMMENDATION:

Waive the reading of the ordinance text in its entirety and adopt Ordinance No. 1894, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 15.28 'WATER AND SEWERS' OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE TO CAPTURE INDUSTRIAL COOLING WATER OR UNPOLLUTED PROCESS WATER IN CITY SEWERS FOR TREATMENT."


STAFF ANALYSIS:


On July 6, 2016, Ordinance No. 1894 was introduced for first reading, as noted below:

ACTION: Waive the reading of the ordinance text in its entirety and introduce by title only for first reading Ordinance No. 1894, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 15.28 'WATER AND SEWERS' OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE TO CAPTURE INDUSTRIAL COOLING WATER OR UNPOLLUTED PROCESS WATER IN CITY SEWERS FOR TREATMENT."

Motion Councilmember Foat , seconded by Councilmember Roberts, and carried 4-0 on a roll call vote; Mayor Pro Tem Mills absent.

This report provides for the City Council to waive further reading and adopt the ordinance. The ordinance shall be effective 30-days from adoption.


James Thompson
City Clerk


David H. Ready, Esq., Ph.D.
City Manager

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Attachments:
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City Attorney's Summary

Under the current provision of the Palm Springs Municipal Code, industrial cooling water or unpolluted process water is prohibited to be discharged to the City's sanitary sewer system. This Ordinance will allow industrial cooling water or unpolluted process water to be discharged to the City's sanitary sewer system upon review and approval by the City.

WHEREAS, the City of Palm Springs ("City") intends to capture sources of water discharge for treatment by the Desert Water Agency for further reclamation and beneficial reuse; and

WHEREAS, Desert Regional Medical Center, Inc. ("DRMC") contacted the City to request concurrence from the City to convey potential industrial unpolluted water discharges to the City's sanitary sewer system; and

WHEREAS, the DRMC cooling tower system consists of one fluid cooler and two evaporative condensers for the purpose of maintaining temperature control in operating rooms, patient rooms, and the main building; and

WHEREAS, GSI Environmental conducted a study of the volume and quality of the discharge water from the DRMC cooling tower system and found that the chemistry of the discharge does not violate the City's sewer use regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City's sanitary sewer system has ample capacity to capture industrial cooling water;

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Palm Springs hereby ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 15.28.040 of the Palm Springs Municipal Code is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

"Section 15.28.040 Improper effluents for sanitary sewers.

No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any storm water, surface water, groundwater, roof runoff, or subsurface drainage into any sanitary sewer."

SECTION 2. Section 15.28.060 of the Palm Springs Municipal Code is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

“Section 15.28.060 Unpolluted industrial water.

- A. Industrial cooling water or unpolluted process waters may be discharged, upon approval of the director of public works or such other official with responsibility over the Palm Springs sanitary sewer service, to the sewer system upon a determination that the sewer system has available capacity for such discharge, and such discharge does not contain prohibited and regulated wastes, unless such wastes are intercepted with preliminary treatment facilities prior to such discharge in accordance with Code section 15.28.090.
- B. Any discharge for which approval is granted in accordance with section 15.28.060(A) shall be subject to periodic monitoring to occur at least once a year to ensure there is no change to the quantity or quality of industrial cooling water or unpolluted process waters being discharged.”

SECTION 3. If any section or provision of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, or contravened by reason of any preemptive legislation, the remaining sections and/or provisions of this Ordinance shall remain valid. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance, and each section or provision thereof, regardless of the fact that any one or more section(s) or provision(s) may be declared invalid or unconstitutional or contravened via legislation.

SECTION 4. The Mayor shall sign and the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same, or the summary thereof, to be published and posted pursuant to the provisions of law and this Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after passage.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE PALM SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL
THIS 13th DAY OF JULY, 2016.

ROBERT MOON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JAMES THOMPSON, CITY CLERK

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) ss.
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS)

I, JAMES THOMPSON, City Clerk of the City of Palm Springs, hereby certify that Ordinance No. 1894 is a full, true and correct copy, and was introduced at a regular meeting of the Palm Springs City Council on the 6th day of July, 2016, and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the 13th day of July, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

JAMES THOMPSON, CITY CLERK
City of Palm Springs, California