

MEMORANDUM

February 26, 2020

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Commission

VIA: Kenneth Fields, City Manager

FROM: Sarah B. Kirkland, Utilities Director

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2020-09: Updating the current Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) Ordinance

SYNOPSIS: Staff recommends the commission approve Ordinance 2020-09 authorizing the update of the City's current FOG program ordinance. The changes gives the ability for the smaller waste generators, to pump their FOG devices themselves with some other stipulations.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Commission take the following action:

1. Approve Ordinance 2020-09, Updating the City's Fats, Oils, and Grease Ordinance section 21-52 in the City's Code of Ordinances.

BACKGROUND

In 2013, the City Commission approved the first FOG ordinance to be established by the Utilities Department. It becomes necessary from time to time to review and update these ordinances which sets the guidelines and procedures for ensuring the city is adhering to the current state and federal regulations. These changes allow for new technical updates and allows staff to make adjustments as necessary. New requirements by regulatory agencies have a strong influence as to how often changes are required.

The changes being to Section 21-52 at this time are represented by highlighting and strike through. The highlighted areas represent content that is being added on the Section 21-52 and the strike through is representative of what is being deleted. The summation of changes being made at this time is to allow for the smaller waste generators, to have the ability to pump there grease traps themselves, with the provision that the grease trap be completely pumped at least once a year by a licensed special waste hauler. The smaller waste generators will still have their schedule pumping determined by the FOG Administrator. Nothing would change in determining the frequency, they now would have the option to pump it themselves if they meet the standard to fall under that scheduling. Staff recommends the Commission take the following action; approve Ordinance 2020-09, updating section 21-52: Fats, Oils and Grease, an ordinance of the City of Lake Wales, Polk County, Florida amending Lake Wales Code of Ordinances Chapter 21n Utilities, amending the Fats, Oils, and Grease Ordinance ; providing for an effective date.

OTHER OPTION

Choose not to approve theses updates to the FOG program, thus not allowing for the FOG Administrator to allow for smaller waste generators to have the option of pumping their own grease traps if they are under a certain size.

FISCAL IMPACT

None. These changes set out what is required of the FOG hauler and procedures for turning in documentation.

ATTACHMENTS

Ordinance 2020-09

