



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Department of Development Services

DCM: Cassey Ogden

DATE: March 24, 2026

SUBJECT:

Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, Texas, amending Chapter 28, Article XI (“Irrigation Systems”) of the Code of the City of Denton, Texas to align with state regulations, clarify irrigator obligations, and revise enforcement provisions; establishing the minimum standards for installation of irrigation systems within the corporate limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Denton, Texas; providing a penalty up to \$2,000 for each violation of this ordinance; providing a severability clause; providing a savings clause; providing a repealer clause; and providing an effective date.

BACKGROUND:

The purpose of this ordinance is to align with the 2020 TCEQ updates to Chapter 344 of Title 30 of the Texas Administrative Code, remove backflow prevention requirements to be located in the backflow ordinance under Chapter 26, Article XIII of the Code of the City of Denton.

The updates include:

- Removal of the definition of “installer” since TCEQ removed this license type.
- Updated definitions for consistency with TCEQ definitions.
- Updated language to match TCEQ requirements.
- Removed backflow methods and specifications to be located in the backflow ordinance, by repealing sections 28-444 & 28-445.
- Updated requirements of plans, since plans are electrically submitted.
- Provide more clarity for installation of irrigation systems, inspections, and maintenance per TCEQ updates.
- Update the Water Conservation section to adhere to Sections 26-233 and 26-234 of the Code of the City of Denton, Texas and the City of Denton Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan.

OPTIONS:

1. Approve
2. Approve with conditions
3. Deny
4. Postpone the item

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval to align our ordinance with TCEQ rules for irrigation and the new backflow ordinance.

DEVELOPER ENGAGEMENT DISCLOSURES:

No developer contact disclosures have been provided to staff from members of this body as of the issuance of this report.

EXHIBITS:

Exhibit 1 - Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2 - Ordinance

Exhibit 3 - Redline comparison

Respectfully submitted:

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Building Official