



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Authority to advertise a public hearing to be held October 11, 2016, regarding a proposed ordinance restricting groundwater wells, other than Florida Department of Environmental Protection-approved monitoring wells, from being placed within County-owned or operated rights-of-way.

Recommended Action:

Authorize a public hearing to be held on October 11, 2016, regarding a proposed ordinance restricting groundwater wells, other than Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)-approved monitoring wells, from being placed in County-owned or operated rights-of-way (ROW).

Strategic Plan:

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

2.1 Provide planning, coordination, prevention, and protective services to ensure a safe and secure community

Practice Superior Environmental Stewardship

3.3 Protect and improve the quality of our water, air, and other natural resources

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources

Summary:

Approval of this new County ordinance will prohibit the installation of groundwater wells in County-owned or operated ROW in an effort to eliminate or reduce the risk of exposure to users or occupants of the ROW to current and future groundwater contamination.

Background Information:

FDEP has previously identified areas of groundwater and soil pollution in County ROW. In an effort to eliminate or reduce the risk of exposure for users of County-owned or operated ROW, to current and future soil and groundwater contaminants, staff recommends adopting the attached ordinance. The ordinance restricts groundwater wells, with the exception of FDEP-approved monitoring wells, from being placed within County-owned or operated ROW. FDEP has confirmed that this ordinance is an effective institutional control that will likely eliminate or reduce said risks.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Staff Member Responsible:

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Partners:

Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Attachments:

Proposed Ordinance

Public Hearing Advertisement