

# City of Santa Rosa



## Legislation Details

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**Title:** PUBLIC HEARING - INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SANTA ROSA CITY CODE CHAPTER 14-21 WATER WASTE REGULATIONS

**BACKGROUND:** The City's Water Waste Regulations (Regulations), first adopted in 1999 and last revised in 2007, defines water waste and authorizes customer notification and potential water service disconnection in cases of unaddressed violations. Since the Regulations were last revised, best practices and technology have changed necessitating an update to the Regulations. Staff are proposing five key changes to the Regulations that include: 1. Further refinement of the definition of what is considered water waste, 2. Creating a new administrative fine for violations of the Regulations, 3. Creating a new exception process, 4. Creating a new appeals process, and 5. Non-substantive clarifying language. Staff are requesting that the City Council adopt an ordinance that includes these key changes, thereby amending the Water Waste Regulations.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended by the Board of Public Utilities and Santa Rosa Water that the Council introduce an ordinance amending Santa Rosa City Code Chapter 14-21 Water Waste Regulations to include administrative fines, provide an exception and an appeals process, and make other clarifying changes.

**Sponsors:** Water  
**Indexes:** Exempt Project  
**Code sections:** 15378 - Not a Project  
**Attachments:** 1. Staff Report, 2. Attachment 1 - Board of Public Utilities' Resolution No. 1328, 3. Attachment 2 – Ordinance No. XX (Redline) of the City of Santa Rosa Amending Chapter 14-21 of the Santa Rosa City Code, 4. Ordinance, 5. Public Hearing Notice, 6. Presentation

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
10/24/2023	1	City Council	to waive reading of the text and introduce	Pass