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City Council Staff Report

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Agenda Item No. 5

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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TITLE: Ordinance No. 2025-12: Revision to Municipal Code Chapter 14.10
Cross-Connection Control Program

ABSTRACT:

For the City Council's consideration is the second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 2025-12, revising the Newport Beach Municipal Code related to the Cross-Connection Control Program. A public hearing was held, and the ordinance was introduced and considered at the City Council's regular meeting on July 22, 2025.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a) Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and
- b) Conduct second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2025-12: *An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, Replacing in its Entirety Chapter 14.10 (Cross Connection Control Program) of the Newport Beach Municipal Code to Comply with State Law.*

DISCUSSION:

On July 22, 2025, the City Council conducted a noticed public hearing to consider Ordinance No. 2025-12. The ordinance updates Chapter 14.10 of the Newport Beach Municipal Code to reflect the state's new regulatory requirements. The ordinance shifts many of the specific regulatory details to the new Cross-Connection Control Management Plan. While the plan is based on a lengthy State Policy Handbook, it is generally consistent with the City's existing program.

Major updates include revised definitions, the implementation of a new Hazard Assessment to be conducted by the Utilities Department over the next several years, updated recordkeeping forms and requirements, and new State reporting requirements. The revised program will continue to be administered by the Utilities Department, with an initial focus on completing the Hazard Assessment.

As new development or redevelopment occurs, the Community Development Department will continue to review projects for backflow code compliance during plan check and construction. All newly added backflows are then monitored by the Utilities Department.

After conducting a public hearing, the City Council voted unanimously to approve the revisions. The City Council introduced and passed to a second reading Ordinance No. 2025-12, revising the City's Municipal Code for its Cross-Connection Control Program. If the ordinance is adopted, it will take effect 30 days after adoption.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The adopted budget in the Water Enterprise Fund includes sufficient funding for the staff time associated with the revisions to the City's cross-connection program.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

Staff recommends the City Council find this action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

NOTICING:

The agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Council considers the item).

ATTACHMENT:

Attachment A – Ordinance No. 2025-12, Amending Chapter 14.10 Cross Connection Control Program