

# Ordinance Fact Sheet

TO:

CITY COUNCIL

DATE: January 28, 2019

FROM:

CITY ATTORNEY

SUBJECT:

AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 13 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL

CODE RELATING TO WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT

SERVICE REGULATIONS

### TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 13, CHAPTER 13.04, SECTION 13.04.100 AND CHAPTER 13.20, SECTION 13.20.270 TO AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT TO REVISE SERVICE REGULATIONS FROM TIME TO TIME

#### PURPOSES OF THE ORDINANCE:

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the Pasadena Municipal Code ("PMC") to allow the General Manager of the Water and Power Department, without further City Council approval, to make changes in electric and water service regulations that do not impact rates or fees.

## REASONS WHY LEGISLATION IS NEEDED:

The current practice pursuant to the PMC calls for the "Board of Directors of the City" to adopt any changes to service regulations, including those that do not impact rates or fees, by resolution. These service regulations and requirements are used by property owners, contractors, engineers, architects, and others to provide guidance for the design and installation of electric and water services. With many of the recent and foreseeable changes to available equipment and industry standards, there is a need

to regularly revise, update, and clean-up service regulations. On November 19, 2018, the City Council approved the staff recommendation to direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance to amend PMC Title 13. The proposed amendments would allow the Water and Power Department to efficiently update, revise and implement service regulations.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:**

On November 19, 2018, the City Council found that the proposed action is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") as defined in Section 21065 of CEQA and Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines and, as such, no environmental document pursuant to CEQA is required for this action.

## PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS OR GROUPS AFFECTED:

The Pasadena Water and Power Department will implement the proposed ordinance under the direction of the General Manager.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

There will be no fiscal impact as the amendments will not result in any changes to rates or fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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