



City of Smyrna

Issue Sheet

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Department: Engineering

Agenda Title:

Approval of Ordinance ORD2023-008 for the amendment to Part II, Chapter 46, Environment, Article VI, Stream Buffer Protection and authorize the Mayor to sign and authorize all related documents.

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ISSUE AND BACKGROUND:

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District (Metro Water District) has implemented a comprehensive water management plan for water supply and conservation, watershed protection, wastewater management, and public education across 15 counties in the Atlanta metro area. The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) conducts regular audits on counties and cities in the Metro Water District to ensure compliance with the plan and model ordinances. Compliance is required in order for cities and counties to modify or obtain new water withdrawal permits, stormwater permits, or obtain loans for water and wastewater projects.

The proposed changes to the City's Stream Buffer Protection Ordinance are a result of the Georgia EPD review for compliance with the Metro Water District plan and model ordinance. The proposed changes include clarifying language that refers to buffers as "feet of the stream", rather than "feet from the stream", and the addition of civil penalties to the ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION / REQUESTED ACTION:

The Engineering Department recommends approval of Ordinance ORD2023-008 for the amendment to Part II, Chapter 46, Environment, Article VI, Stream Buffer Protection and authorize the Mayor to sign and authorize all related documents.