



City of Norman, OK

Municipal Building Council
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201 West Gray Street
Norman, OK 73069

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File Name: O-1112-24 Gray Water

Final Action:

Title: ORDINANCE NO. O-1112-24: AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, ADDING SECTIONS 10-701, 10-702, AND 10-703 TO THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NORMAN TO DEFINE GRAY WATER AND ALLOW FOR ITS USE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SPECIFIC PROVISIONS WHILE PROVIDING A PENALTY SHOULD IT BE USED NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF.

ACTION TAKEN: Motion to adopt or reject Ordinance No. O-1112-24 upon Second Reading section by section.

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ACTION TAKEN: Motion to adopt or reject Ordinance No. O-1112-24 upon Final Reading as a whole.

ACTION TAKEN: _____

Notes:

Agenda Date: 02/28/2012

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Attachments: O-1112-24, O-1112-24 Annotated, January 3 2012
SS Minutes, Pert Excepts January 24 Conf Minutes

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Effective Date:

History of Legislative File

Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	City Council	02/14/2012	Introduced and adopted on First Reading by title only				

Action Text: Introduced and adopted on First Reading by title only

1 City Council 02/14/2012

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Text of Legislative File O-1112-24

Body

BACKGROUND: During the last legislative session, House Bill 1575 was introduced that would have allowed and regulated the use of gray water for the first time in Oklahoma. The original language was substituted prior to adoption, and the adopted language only added a definition of gray water to Section 2-6-107 in Title 27A. The adopted language reads:

A. "Gray water" means untreated household wastewater that has not come in contact with toilet waste and includes wastewater from bathtubs, showers, washbasins, clothes washing machines and laundry tubs and untreated municipal wastewater limited to wastewater captured from municipal splash pads and water used by Fire Departments for cleaning equipment and vehicles. Gray water shall not include wastewater from kitchen sinks, kitchen dishwashers, or laundry water from the washing of material soiled with human excreta, such as diapers.

B. The definition of gray water in subsection A of this section shall apply *only in municipalities enacting ordinances regulating the use of gray water* within the limits of their municipal boundaries. (*Emphasis added*).

Essentially, the Legislature allowed the municipalities to develop their own regulations for gray water. The issue of Norman allowing for and regulating the use of gray water was discussed at the City Council Study Session on January 3, 2012. A draft of Ordinance No. O-1112-24 was presented at the City Council Conference on January 24, 2012 and Staff was instructed to move the ordinance forward to Council for enactment.

DISCUSSION: Ordinance No. O-1112-24 would codify the definition of gray water set forth in the statutory provision quoted above. The ordinance would allow a private residential user to discharge up to 250 gallons of gray water per day for the purposes of household gardening, composting or landscape irrigation, provided that the resident takes certain steps to ensure the gray water is utilized in a safe manner. If gray water is not discharged in accordance with the provisions of the ordinance, a property owner could be charged and fined in Municipal Court.

Staff envisions conducting a public education campaign in conjunction with the Environmental Control Advisory Board (ECAB) to ensure residents who wish to use their gray water do so in a manner that is consistent with the provisions of the ordinance.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends adoption of O-1112-24 upon Second Reading.