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File ID: GID-2021-12 Type: Permits Status: Non-Consent Items Version: 1 Reference: Item 48 In Control: City Council **Department:** Utilities Department Cost: File Created: 08/12/2020 File Name: DEQ Sewer Permit Exemption **Final Action:** Title: SUBMISSION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY SEWER LINE SLPE0014200509, DATED AUGUST 11, 2020, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION **EXEMPTION FOR PERMIT** SANITARY **SEWER** LINE **EXTENSIONS** TWELVE INCHES OR LESS IN DIAMETER. Notes: ACTION NEEDED: Motion to acknowledge receipt of the permit and direct the filing thereof. ACTION TAKEN: Agenda Date: 08/25/2020 Agenda Number: 48 Attachments: Permit SLPE0014200509 - City of Norman - Sewer Exemption Project Manager: Nathan Madenwald, Capital Projects Engineer Entered by: nathan.madenwald@normanok.gov **Effective Date: History of Legislative File** Ver- Acting Body: Action: Sent To: Due Date: Return Result: Date: sion: Date:

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BACKGROUND: In accordance with current regulations for the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ), all water and sanitary sewer line extensions must obtain a construction permit from the ODEQ before any construction can begin on these extensions. The ODEQ review period can vary depending on the number of submittals but the process typically will take 30 to 60 days for receipt of the ODEQ construction permit.

Within the current regulations, the ODEQ does allow for municipalities that employ licensed

professional engineers as part of their staff to obtain a municipal exemption authorizing the municipality to self-permit water and sanitary sewer line extensions for lines that are 12-inch and smaller. Currently within the state, the City of Oklahoma City and the City of Tulsa have applied for and have received the municipal exemption and currently self-permit these small diameter water and sanitary sewer line extensions.

In 2019, Management Partners reviewed the development process for the City and recommended improvements to help the City expedite the process. One recommendation was for the City to obtain the municipal exemption to allow for self-permitting of water and sanitary sewer lines to reduce the approval time required for these plans.

On June 22, 2020, the Utilities Department submitted applications to apply for the municipal exemption for water and sanitary sewer line extensions (12-inch and smaller).

<u>DISCUSSION</u>: The attached permit provides the City and Norman Utilities Authority the authorization to self-permit sanitary sewer line extensions for lines 12 inches or less in diameter. As noted on the attached permit, the ODEQ requires the permit receipt to be made a matter of permanent record in the City Council's minutes.

This permit is a companion item with Ordinance 2021-5 and Resolution 2021-26.

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: Staff recommends that the receipt of Permit SLPE0014200509 dated August 11, 2020, be noted and made a matter of permanent record in the minutes of the Norman Utilities Authority.