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File ID: GID-2021-13 Type: Permits Status: Non-Consent Items In Control: City Council Version: 1 Reference: Item 49 **Department:** Utilities Department Cost: File Created: 08/12/2020 File Name: DEQ Water Permit Exemption **Final Action:** Title: SUBMISSION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY WATER LINE **AUGUST** WLPE0014200508. DATED 11, 2020. **FOR** CONSTRUCTION PERMIT EXEMPTION FOR WATER 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: 49 Attachments: Permit WLPE0014200508 - City of Norman - Water Exemption Project Manager: Nathan Madenwald, Capital Projects Engineer Entered by: nathan.madenwald@normanok.gov **Effective 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.

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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 water 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 R-2021-27.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the receipt of Permit WLPE0014200508 dated August 11, 2020, be noted and made a matter of permanent record in the City Council minutes.