



Legislation Text

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AGENDA CAPTION:

Hold a discussion on changes to Section 86.003. - Extensions and connections to city water or wastewater system outside the city limits, and provide direction to Staff.

Meeting date: February 2, 2021

Department: Eng/CIP

Amount & Source of Funding

Funds Required: N/A

Account Number: N/A

Funds Available: N/A

Account Name: N/A

Fiscal Note:

Prior Council Action: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

City Council Strategic Initiative: [Please select from the dropdown menu below]

Sustainability

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Comprehensive Plan Element (s): [Please select the Plan element(s) and Goal # from dropdown menu below]

- ☐ Economic Development - [Choose an item.](#)
- ☐ Environment & Resource Protection - [Choose an item.](#)
- ☒ Land Use - Direct Growth, Compatible with Surrounding Uses
- ☐ Neighborhoods & Housing - [Choose an item.](#)
- ☐ Parks, Public Spaces & Facilities - [Choose an item.](#)
- ☐ Transportation - [Choose an item.](#)
- ☐ Core Services
- ☐ Not Applicable

Master Plan: *[Please select the corresponding Master Plan from the dropdown menu below (if applicable)]*

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Background Information:

Chapter 86 of the San Marcos Code of Ordinances establishes the process of approval for out of City utility requests. *Section 86.003. - Extensions and connections to city water or wastewater system outside the city limits* establishes two processes for approval.

For *service connections* the City Manager has the authority to approve applications outside the city limits. A service connection is defined as the point where the City loses jurisdiction and sanitary control over the service; i.e. where piping becomes private. Examples are a tap to a city main with a water meter or sanitary sewer cleanout set at the property line. No construction of a City main is required.

City Council must approve applications for *extension of city water or wastewater lines* to serve property outside the city limits. Extension of City lines occur when utility service is not available at the property or code requires the extension of a public main. Examples are extension of City mains because connection points are remote from the development or the extension of a public main is required across the frontage of a parcel for the future extension or connections to new subdivisions or developments.

In the past the City purchased rural water systems which extended the City's service area outside the city limits. The differentiation between connection and extension approvals may have been originally established in response to these acquisitions.

Section 86.003 of the code is attached for reference. Applications for either connection or extension include a request for annexation.

Council Committee, Board/Commission Action:

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Alternatives:

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Recommendation:

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