

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA, DIRECTING STAFF TO PREPARE AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 8.50 OF THE PALM DESERT MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO DRILLING AND MAINTENANCE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS FOR WATER WELLS

WHEREAS, the City of Palm Desert ("City") is committed to protecting public health, safety, and welfare through appropriate regulation of activities that may impact the community; and

WHEREAS, the County of Riverside maintains exclusive authority to issue permits for new well drilling within the City of Palm Desert and makes efforts to ensure that all permitted work complies with state and local ordinances; and

WHEREAS, drilling and maintenance operations associated with water wells may generate noise, vibration, dust, traffic, and other impacts that require local oversight to minimize disruption to surrounding neighborhoods and to maintain community quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the City currently has limited municipal regulations addressing local operational standards for drilling and maintenance activities conducted under permits issued by the County of Riverside; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish clear local requirements, conditions, and operational standards applicable to all future drilling and maintenance activities to ensure responsible operations and adequate safeguards for public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that amending Chapter 8.50 of the Palm Desert Municipal Code is necessary to provide appropriate regulatory tools, community protections, and enforcement mechanisms for drilling and maintenance operations of water wells within the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Palm Desert, California, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing Recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2. City staff is directed to prepare proposed amendments to Chapter 8.50 of the Palm Desert Municipal Code to establish drilling and maintenance permit requirements, operational standards, and conditions for water wells located within the City. The amendments shall include, but are not limited to, submittal requirements, operational and environmental standards, financial assurances, public notification

procedures, monitoring and reporting obligations, and enforcement tools.

SECTION 3. Staff is further directed to return to the City Council with a draft ordinance for consideration at a future meeting

ADOPTED ON _____, 2025.

JAN C. HARNIK
MAYOR

ATTEST:

ANTHONY J. MEJIA
CITY CLERK

I, Anthony J. Mejia, City Clerk of the City of Palm Desert, hereby certify that Resolution No. 2025-__ is a full, true, and correct copy, and was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Palm Desert on _____, by the following vote:

- AYES:
- NOES:
- ABSENT:
- ABSTAIN:
- RECUSED:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Palm Desert, California, on _____.

ANTHONY J. MEJIA
CITY CLERK