

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE, TEXAS ADOPTING AMENDED WATER REBATE PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT THE UPDATED PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City is a municipal utility provider of water and wastewater services; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the importance of implementing conservation measures and being a good steward of natural resources to help reduce the amount of water resources used daily and the decrease the volume of wastewater discharges; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pflugerville has created and utilized many different programs and rebates over the years in an effort to promote water conservation, including a landscape rebate program, a water conservation plan and long-range planning efforts for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to update the City's Water Rebate Program offered to its direct water utility users to provide a longer lasting impact to the community and the region in order to conserve more natural resources for future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted by the City Council of the City of Pflugerville, Texas and made a part hereof for all purposes as findings of fact.

Section 2. That the City Council hereby approves the Amended Water Rebate Program, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and authorizes the City Manager to take any and all steps necessary to implement the updated program.

Section 3. If any provisions, sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases of this Resolution, or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void or invalid, the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution shall not be affected thereby, it being the intent of the City Council of the City of Pflugerville, Texas in adopting this Resolution that no portion thereof, or provisions or regulation contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by reason of any unconstitutionality or invalidity of any other portion hereof and all provisions of this Resolution are declared to be severable for that purpose.

Section 4: All resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Resolution shall be and remain controlling as to the matters ordained herein.

Section 5. It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Resolution is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Resolution, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, as amended, Texas Government Code.

Section 6: This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 9th day of September, 2025.

Victor Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

Trista Evans, City Secretary

WATER CONSERVATION REBATE MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY

(A) To be eligible for a City of Pflugerville water conservation rebate:

- 1) The application's subject property must be within the City of Pflugerville's water service area.
- 2) The property must have an active Utility Billing Account, in good standing, and receive direct water service from Pflugerville Utilities.
- 3) The Utility Account holder must be a registered user of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Dashboard with a valid email address capable of receiving automated leak alerts.
- 4) Rebates funds are awarded to applicants on a *first come, first served*, basis upon the receipt of an administratively complete application.
- 5) Rebate disbursement is not guaranteed and is limited by available funding.

WASHING MACHINE REBATE

(A) Residential water customers may apply for one (1) rebate per household by supplying proof of purchase and installation of a high efficiency washing machine at the household for which the rebate is being applied.

(B) **WASHING MACHINE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- 1) Washing machines eligible for rebate are only those on the Consortium for Energy Efficiency (CEE) Super Efficient Home Appliances Initiative Clothes Washer Qualifying Product List. This list is updated monthly on the CCE website.
- 2) Rebates are awarded based upon the CEE Integrated Water Factor (IWF), which is the quotient of the total weighted per-cycle water consumption for all wash cycles in gallons divided by the cubic foot (or liter) capacity of the clothes washer. A lower number indicates a more efficient use of water.

| (C) CEE Integrated Water Factor (IWF) | (D) Rebate Amount |
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| (E) Less than 3.20 | (F) \$75.00 |
| (G) Equal to or less than 3.00 | (H) \$150 |
| (I) Less than 2.80 | (J) \$200 |

PFLOURISHING FLORA REBATE

(A) **RESIDENTIAL** water customers may apply for a Pflourishing Flora rebate once per calendar year. A Pre-Approval application to remove a minimum of five hundred (500) square feet (sq. ft.) of turf must be submitted and accepted prior to any turf removal to be eligible to receive a rebate.

(B) **COMMERCIAL** water customers may apply for a Pflourishing Flora rebate by submitting a Project Proposal application by January 31st each year. Proposed projects must remove a minimum of a thousand (1000) sq. ft of turf and be complete within six (6) months of being granted approval to proceed to be eligible for a rebate.

(C) **PFLOURISHING FLORA PROJECT MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- 1) Turf removed must be replaced with drought-tolerant, native, or native-adapted plant beds and landscaping.
- 2) Replacement landscaping may not include:
- 3) Installation of alternative, drought-tolerant, or synthetic turf.
- 4) Installation of any above ground irrigation system.
- 5) Permeable hardscape exceeding 3 feet in width.
- 6) Impermeable hardscape.
- 7) Replacement landscaping must have a minimum of fifty percent (50%) plant cover at maturity and plant beds that are top dressed in at least 2 inches of mulch.
- 8) All above-ground irrigation components in the project area must be permanently retired or converted to sub-surface or drip irrigation. Failure to retire or replace irrigation in the applicable area will render the project ineligible for a rebate.

(D) **RESIDENTIAL MAXIMUM REBATE AMOUNT** – two thousand dollars (\$2000) per household, and in accordance with the following:

- 1) One dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) per square foot of turf-grass removed.
- 2) The total amount of rebate cannot exceed the cost of project installation.
- 3) Project received pre-approval.
- 4) The replacement landscape was inspected upon completion.
- 5) Itemized receipts submitted within 30 days of the final inspection. Receipts include date, vendor name and address, amount paid.

(E) **COMMERCIAL MAXIMUM REBATE AMOUNT** – three thousand dollars (\$3000) per Utility Billing Account, and in accordance with the following:

- 1) One dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) per square foot of turf-grass removed.
- 2) The total amount of rebate did not exceed the cost of the project installation.
- 3) No more than 50% of the costs incurred are attributed to labor
- 4) Project Proposal received approval to proceed and was completed within six months following notification.
- 5) The replacement landscape was inspected upon completion. Itemized receipts submitted within 30 days of the final inspection. Receipts include date, vendor name and address, amount paid.

WATER COLLECTION REBATE

(A) Residential water customers may apply for a rebate by submitting proof of purchase and installation of a water collection system to capture rainwater or A/C condensate . Customers in good standing may apply for one (1) rebate per household .

- 1) Rebate is for the installation of a new system or the expansion of an existing system. Self-made rain-barrels, or any replacement of previously installed components (upgrades) of a water collection system, are not eligible.

(B) **WATER COLLECTION SYSTEM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- 1) Systems must employ collection and storage methods that prevent contamination and insect breeding.

- a) Water tanks must be UV-resistant or have an internal liner to prevent sunlight from penetrating the tank.
 - b) Screening on tank openings to prevent debris, insects, or animals from entering.
 - c) Tanks made from galvanized metal or wood must have an internal liner to prevent rusting or rotting.
- 2) Water collection tanks must have an overflow pipe that directs water to a safe discharge point that prevents erosion or flooding at the tank site.
 - 3) Water collection tanks must be installed on a flat level surface or a concrete pad that is suitable for the tank size.
 - 4) Collected water shall only be used for non-potable purposes and not connected to the City's water supply.
 - 5) Itemized purchase documents must be submitted with the application that include the date, vendor name and address, and the amount paid for installed item.
- (C) **MAXIMUM REBATE AMOUNT** – six hundred dollars (\$600) per household, and in accordance with the following:
- 1) Fifty cent (\$0.50) per gallon of storage capacity, not to exceed tank purchase price, and
 - 2) Fifty percent (50%) of the purchase of pad material, overflow, first flush, and pump.
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IRRIGATION SYSTEM RETIREMENT REBATE

- (A) Residential water customers may apply for a rebate by submitting proof of retiring an entire irrigation system or when permanently capping an irrigation zone that was previously in use.
- (B) Customers in good standing may apply once per calendar year. Customers are eligible for the Irrigation System rebate with proof of:

(C) **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- 1) Whole irrigation system retirement
 - a) Backflow device, backflow box, all visible zone valve and boxes, and the system controller must be removed.
 - b) Any connection to the customers service line must be removed and appropriately capped.
- 2) Partial irrigation system retirement
 - a) Must include permanently capping of at least one (1) irrigation zone.
 - b) Zone valve and box, and all visible sprinkler heads in the zone, must be removed.
 - c) Zone area must have been converted to an area that no longer requires regular irrigation, such as native plant beds or hardscape.
 - d) Conversion of a zone to drip line irrigation is not eligible for the rebate.

- (D) **MAXIMUM REBATE AMOUNT** – one thousand dollars (\$1000) per household, and in accordance with the following:

- 1) Whole irrigation system retirement eligible for the full rebate amount, OR
- 2) Individual irrigation zones permanently capped are eligible for seventy-five dollars (\$75) per zone not to exceed the maximum rebate amount.

WATER SAVING & EFFICIENT IRRIGATION COMPONENTS

(A) Residential water customers may apply for a rebate by submitting proof of purchase and installation of water saving irrigation components.

- 1) Rebates are only available to improve an existing in-ground irrigation system. New irrigation system installations are not eligible for a rebate.

(B) REBATE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Applicants' historical water consumption will be reviewed concurrently with any submitted rebate application. An ongoing or continued pattern of irrigation that is not in accordance with the water use schedule under Chapter 53, of the City's Code of Ordinances, may result in the application being rejected.
- 2) Itemized receipts or invoices must be submitted with the application within 30 days of installation. Supporting documentation must include date, vendor name and address, and amount paid.
- 3) An inspection of installed devices may be required to receive the requested rebate.

(C) **ELIGIBLE COMPONENTS** are installed to improve water use efficiency in the irrigation system. The following irrigation devices are eligible for a rebate:

- 1) Pressure Regulating Valve (PRV) for irrigation system only; installed at the point of connection to the irrigation system.
 - a) Rebate 100% of documented cost up to \$125
- 2) Weather Based Irrigation Controllers - WaterSense labeled
 - a) Rebate 100% of documented cost up to \$100
- 3) Rain sensor installed in a location that maximizes the open space above and around the unit.
 - a) Rebate 100% of documented cost up to \$50
- 4) Soil sensors installed in an area that best represents the intended irrigation zone or representative of the entire irrigation system
 - a) Rebate 100% of documented cost up to \$50

(D) **MAXIMUM REBATE AMOUNT** – three-hundred dollars (\$300) per household.

- 1) Total rebate amount may not exceed the actual cost of eligible components.

COMMERCIAL WATER USE & EFFICIENCY AUDIT REBATE

(A) Commercial water customers in good standing may apply once per facility for a water audit rebate.

- 1) A water audit is eligible for a rebate only when performed by an independent auditor.
- 2) Water use audits performed by internal staff are not eligible for a rebate.

(B) **REBATE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS** The water audit must evaluate all metered accounts contributing to the applicable facility's water consumption and identify all potential water efficiency measures.

- 1) Audited facility must have a water consumption of at least 120,000 gallons in the previous twelve months.
- 2) A copy of the completed water audit report must be included in the rebate application and include the following information:
 - a) Indoor water use consumption estimate per fixture, appliance, or component.

- b) Outdoor water use consumption estimate per fixture, appliance, or component.
- c) List of identified leaks and an estimated water loss per day.
- d) Equipment repair or replacement water efficiency recommendations.

(C) **MAXIMUM REBATE AMOUNT** – one thousand dollars (~~\$1~~000) per facility.

- 1) Total rebate amount may not exceed the actual cost of audit.