

# Amenity Lakes Policy Direction

City of Flagstaff  
Water Services Division





# Policy Issue

## **F.A.I.R. request on reasonable restrictions on potable water**

- Currently, potable water can be used to fill amenity lakes and ponds, or be used to create a flowing amenity stream
- Our 2014 Water Policies encourages the use of reclaimed water for amenity lakes and ponds



# Policy Alignment with AMAs

## Aligns with Active Management Area Restrictions on Potable Water Uses

- A.R.S. 45-132. Filling large bodies of water for landscape, scenic or recreational purposes prohibited; exceptions; preemption

# Proposal: Align City Code with State Law for AMA's & Local Policy



## Utilities Integrated Master Plan, 2014 Water Policies

### **C7 Uses, Allocation and Priority**

- Policy C7.1 The Utilities Division should continue to recommend updates to policies and ordinances that encourage the Direct Reuse of reclaimed water where appropriate and consistent with State and Federal laws.
- Policy C7.2 Golf courses, other large turf areas (e.g., schools, parks, etc.) and amenity lakes shall use Direct Reuse of reclaimed water.



# Suggested Changes to City Code

## **Under Conservation Code 7-03-001-0014**

### **Add Definitions:**

"Body of water" means a body of water including a lake, pond, lagoon, artificial pond or stream, that has a surface area greater than thirteen thousand square feet (approximate area of an Olympic-sized pool) and that is filled or refilled for landscape, scenic or recreational purposes. An exception can be granted as per Section 7-03-001-0014 E.1.e. Only for the purpose of determining the surface area of a body of water, two or more bodies of water that are connected are considered to be one body of water.

"Swimming pool" means an artificially constructed pool for swimming purposes that meets the applicable design standards and specifications for swimming pools prescribed by Flagstaff City Code Chapter 4-10 2018 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, that is less than thirteen thousand square feet.



# Suggested Changes to City Code

## **Under Section 7-03-002-0014.E.1**

1. Strategy I: Water Awareness (may implement with Resource Status I). Conserve water, in and outside of the home, using the best practices available to minimize waste. Water users are specifically encouraged to landscape with plant materials requiring little or no supplemental irrigation water. The following uses are restricted or prohibited.

No person shall:

**Add "e":**

**e. fill or refill all or a portion of a body of water for landscape, scenic or recreational purposes unless it is filled with reclaimed water or stormwater runoff that is not subject to appropriation. This section does not apply to a body of water if any of the following applies:**



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## Continued...Under Section 7-03-002-0014.E.1.e.

- i. The body of water was filled to, or the facility that holds the body of water existed prior to, January 1, 2021. If the surface area of the body of water is increased on or after January 1, 2021, this exception does not apply to the quantity of water that is added.
- ii. The body of water is located in a recreational facility that is open to the public and owned or operated by the United States, the State of Arizona, Coconino County, and/or the City of Flagstaff.
- iii. The body of water is a swimming pool less than thirteen thousand square feet as defined here-in.
- iv. An exception was granted by City Council allowing the body of water to be filled with potable water.



# Suggested Changes to City Code

## **Under Section 7-03-002-0014.E.2.c**

2. Strategy II: Water Emergency (may implement with Resource Status II). In addition to the requirements of Strategy I, the following uses are restricted or prohibited.

### **Change:**

No person shall:

c. Use potable water for filling ornamental fountains, ~~artificial ponds or streams~~



# Suggested Changes to City Code

## Motion Passed Unanimously by Water Commission

- “recommend to City Council to consider the reasonable restriction on potable water used by changing Code to align with the City’s adopted water Policy C.7.2 and to come in line with water management in the State’s Active Management Areas, but suggest clarification process of getting an exception.”

## Update this Section of Code

- Update “Utilities” to “Water Services”



# Discussion and Recommendation

