

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2026-0066

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: January 27, 2026

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, TEU

Date of Analysis: January 29, 2026

Type of Action: Approve and authorize the execution of an amended and restated Water Well Permitting Delegation Agreement; provide for oversight

Bill Summary: This bill approves and authorizes an amended and restated Water Well Permitting Delegation Agreement between the City and the St. Johns River Water Management District. It provides for oversight by the Office of Administrative Services, Environmental Quality Division.

Background Information: The City and the St. Johns River Water Management District entered into a Water Well Permitting Delegation Agreement dated November 29, 1978, as authorized by Resolution 1978-0957-A. The St. Johns River Water Management District is a special taxing district created by Section 373.069, *Florida Statutes*, and is charged with preventing harm to water resources within the District and administering and enforcing Chapter 373, *Florida Statutes*, and its rules. The District is also authorized by Sections 373.046(6), 373.308(1), and 373.309(1)(b), *Florida Statutes*, to delegate its duty to administer and enforce the statutes and rules regulating water well construction, repair, and abandonment to the City.

The City has regulated water well construction pursuant to the Prior Delegation Agreement and Chapter 366, *Ordinance Code*, and the City desires to continue. The City and the District wish to amend and restate the Prior Delegation Agreement, with the Amended and Restated Water Well Permitting Delegation Agreement that sets forth the collective understanding and agreement between the City and District regarding the regulation of water wells within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City to avoid the duplication or overlapping of permitting requirements between the City and the District.

Policy Impact Area: Water Well Permitting Delegation Agreement, St. Johns River Water Management District

Fiscal Impact: No Cost to the City.

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