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TO: Development Services Customers

SUBJECT: **INFORMATION BULLETIN IB012**
Tree Planting and Landscape Requirements During Drought

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Purpose

As a customer service initiative, the Development Services Department (DSD) created this Information Bulletin (IB) to provide updated information on the tree and landscape requirements during declared drought stages, provide a clear understanding of the watering exceptions, and provide guidelines in the event of further drought declarations by the City Manager or Corpus Christi Water (CCW).

Scope

The Unified Development Code requires tree planting and other landscape requirements for Commercial and Residential projects in UDC section 7.3. All tree and landscape requirements will need to be in place prior to a building final approval.

As part of the City's 2018 Adopted Drought Action Plan, exceptions for the watering restriction during stages 1 & 2 may be permitted, upon review and approval by the Executive Director of Utilities or designee, for the following uses: new plantings (sod and trees included for up to 60 days), vegetable gardens, athletic playing fields, and botanical gardens. The exception application can be found at the CCW Website https://www-cdn.cctexas.com/sites/default/files/Exempt%20Application%202018_fillable.pdf.

No exceptions will be made after a stage 3 or higher declaration and landscape requirements will be waived by DSD with issuance of a temporary certificate of occupancy (TCO) at no cost until stage 1 is declared again.

As a reminder, reservoir system stage responses are defined in the City's Drought Action Plan and are based on the combined lake levels of Lake Corpus Christi and Choke Canyon Reservoir. Stage 1 restrictions are implemented at a combined lake level of 40%, stage 2 is 30%, stage 3 is 20%, stage 4 can be implemented as an emergency measure after stage 3.

The City's Drought Action Plan can be found online at:

<https://www.cctexas.com/sites/default/files/WAT-drought-contingency-plan.pdf>

Summary

This information bulletin was created to assist citizens, contractors, and landscapers with meeting the minimum Tree and Landscape requirements for the City of Corpus Christi during declared drought stages from the City Manager and/or CCW.

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