

LARGE WATER USER  
ORDINANCE REVISIONS

2024

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WATER RESOURCES

# BACKGROUND

## **MULTIPLE, LARGE METER (MLM) ORDINANCE**

- Passed by Council in July, 2019
- Focused on future large water users
- Intended to limit how much water a single development can draw from Mesa's water portfolio

## **THRESHOLDS**

- Current Ordinance restricts new developments from consuming more than **550 AF/yr** from the City's portfolio
- Developments intending on using additional water must obtain and supply this water to Mesa by purchasing LTSC's from an outside party

## **EXPERIENCE**

- Since the ordinance passed, only one new customer had been determined to be an **MLM CUSTOMER**
- The Ordinance has raised awareness and encouraged conservation
- Some potential large water user developments have switched to less water-intensive technologies

# PROPOSED UPDATES

## LOWER DEMAND CEILING

- Limits volume of water Mesa will serve a new customer from our water portfolio
- **330 AF/YEAR (DEMAND CEILING)**. Current limit is 550 AF/YEAR.
- Excludes Residential and Hospital Customers

## NEW CUSTOMERS ANTICIPATED TO EXCEED DEMAND CEILING, AND/OR NEEDING A 4" METER OR LARGER

- Sustainable Water Service Application required
- If applicable, commit to securing **ALLOWANCE SUPPLIES** (LTSCs Conveyed to City to cover excess water above the demand ceiling)
- **PERMIT** issued to document requirements

## EXISTING (LEGACY) LARGE CUSTOMERS

- Less than a dozen existing customers (Legacy Customers)
- Generally, limited impacts on existing demand
- City issues them a **PERMIT** documenting requirements
- Future increases in water demand subject to additional compliance measures (ex. Securing storage credits)