

ORDINANCE NO. 9062-17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CLEARWATER (THE CITY), FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 163.3177, FLORIDA STATUTES, BY MODIFYING THE UTILITIES ELEMENT, UPDATING PROVISIONS RELATED TO POTABLE WATER AND NATURAL GROUND WATER AQUIFER RECHARGE NEEDS BASED ON THE CITY'S 10-YEAR WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES WORK PLAN (2016-2026), COMPLETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2015 SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT'S (SWFWMD) REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY PLAN; UPDATING AND REPLACING MAP #D-2; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS the Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulation Act of Florida empowers and requires the City Council of the City to plan for the future development and growth, and to adopt and periodically amend the Comprehensive Plan, including elements and portions thereof; and

WHEREAS, Section 163.3177, Florida Statutes, requires coordination of the local comprehensive plan with the water management district's regional water supply plans; and

WHEREAS, the City's water supply work plan must be updated every five years within 18 months after the governing board of a water management district approves an updated regional water supply plan; and

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2015, the Governing Board for SWFWMD approved the 2015 Regional Water Supply Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City has completed the 10-year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan (2016-2026); and

WHEREAS, these proposed amendments and the City's 10-year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan (2016-2026) will be transmitted to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for review and comments, and their objections, recommendations and comments, along with all comments from local and regional agencies, will be considered by city staff in preparing these proposed amendments, prior to adoption by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary, desirable and proper to adopt the amendments to the objectives and policies of the Comprehensive Plan in order to reflect changing conditions; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CLEARWATER, FLORIDA:

Section 1. That the Introduction to the Utilities Element of the Clearwater Comprehensive Plan be amended to read as follows:

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Potable Water and Natural Ground Water Aquifer Recharge Needs

- Clearwater has maintained an interlocal agreement with Pinellas County since 1955 with approximately ~~forty-five~~ percent (~~40~~55%) of its water supply emanating from the County. The City also maintains a water use permit issued through the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) to pump an average of 14.3 million gallons daily (MGD) from its ~~forty-four~~six active wellheads. In 2011, the actual average pumpage from the City's wells is was approximately 7.565 MGD (average through September 2015). The balance of the City's water demand is met through purchase from Pinellas County. In order to meet the city's future potable water supply needs in a fiscally responsible manner, several alternative actions must be explored and initiated both individually or in combination with other water supply source alternatives. The City's *Water Supply Plan - Capital Improvements Implementation Master Plan (Oct 2004)*, as updated in 2008 and 2012, ~~included~~s projects based upon cost-benefit analysis that ~~will enable~~ the City to increase its local production of potable water to ~~7.5~~ten (10) MGD ~~in~~by 2015.

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- The City needs to continue to recognize potable water as a scarce resource and to continue to operate the water utility prudently in implementing both conservation and consumption objectives. The current water consumption rate is approximately ~~seventy-six (76)~~ninety (90) gallons/person/day, which includes both the seasonal and permanent population of Clearwater and is inclusive of both City produced water and County purchased water.

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Section 2. That Objective D.5.2 of the Clearwater Comprehensive Plan and Policies D.5.2.7 and D.5.2.8, be amended to read as follows:

D.5.2 Objective - Provide adequate quantity and quality of water service to all customers of the Clearwater service area. Current service level (~~May~~October, 2017) is ~~45,168~~41,973 customer accounts (potable, reclaimed and fire).

Policies

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D.5.2.7 Continue to identify, acquire, and develop sources of water supply and methods of water treatment to meet existing and future needs. Some ways this can be accomplished are through well rehabilitation projects and/or exploration and drilling of new wells. Some type of water treatment may be initiated. Additional volumes of water may be acquired from the Pinellas County Water

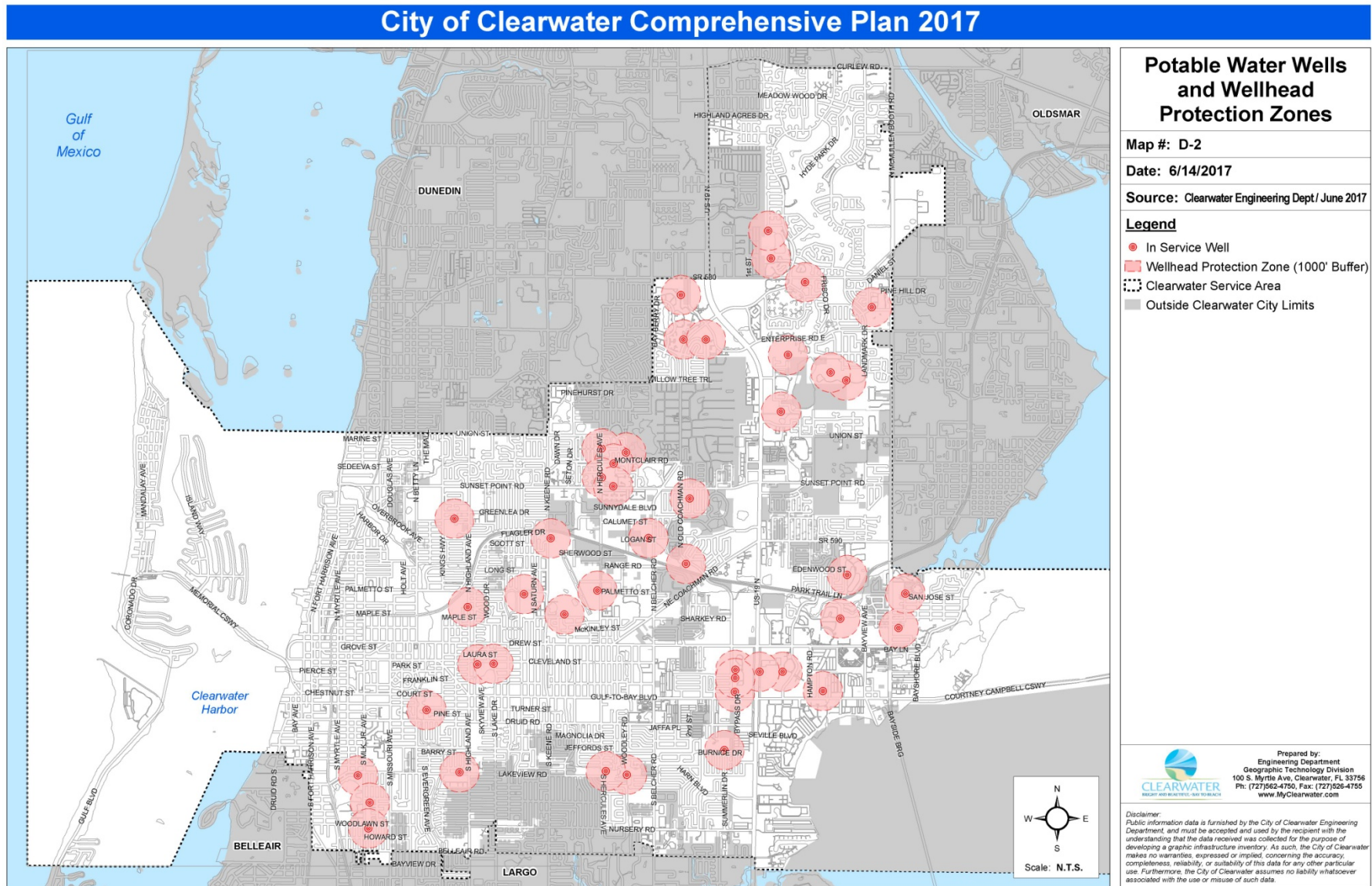
System through Clearwater's intergovernmental water service agreement. The City's long range *Water Master Plan*, updated in 2012, and its 10-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan (2016-2026 Planning Period) shall serve as the guiding documents for water supply and treatment methods.

D.5.2.8 Ensure that water management projects are designed and operated to maintain and enhance natural systems, as well as manmade systems, by working closely with the Southwest Florida Water Management District when proposing new projects and water management programs. The City's long range *Water Master Plan* outlines a work plan for continued coordination with the Southwest Florida Water Management District's Regional Water Supply Plan, adopted in November 2015~~January 2014~~.

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Section 3. That Map D-2 of the Clearwater Comprehensive Plan be replaced with the updated map below:



Section 4. Should any part or provision of this Ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof other than the part declared to be invalid.

Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective when the Department of Economic Opportunity issues a final order determining the adopted amendment to be in compliance, or the Administration Commission issues a final order determining the adopted amendments to be in compliance, in accordance with Section 163.3184, F.S., as amended.

PASSED ON FIRST READING

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL
READING AND ADOPTED

George N. Cretekos
Mayor

Approved as to form:

Attest:

Camilo Soto
Assistant City Attorney

Rosemarie Call
City Clerk