



Petition Initiation Request

Planning Division
DEPARTMENT *of* COMMUNITY *and* NEIGHBORHOODS

To: Mayor Mendenhall

From: Michaela Oktay, Deputy Planning Director

Date: June 6, 2021

CC: Rachel Otto, Chief of Staff; Blake Thomas, CAN Director; file

Re: Initiating an amendment to Title 21A, the Zoning Ordinance, to review land use types that involve significant water consumption

This memo is to request that you initiate a petition for the Planning Division to begin the process of amending the zoning ordinance to review land use types that may involve significant water consumption and prohibit land uses that exceed an average water usage of gallons per day. The current extreme drought situation may have heightened the urgency to ensure that future land uses do not threaten Salt Lake City's ability to provide water to all of its residents and businesses, but this is a reality we would have to confront in the near future anyway as we plan for growth in our desert climate.

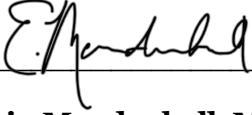
The Division prepare a land use ordinance to:

1. Prohibit new land uses that would likely consume more than an annual average of 300,000 gallons of water per day;
2. Restrict the expansion of existing land use types that consume more than an annual average of 300,000 gallons of water per day;
3. Review existing land use regulations for potential revisions to mitigate demands on the city's water supply; and
4. Amend definitions and land use tables to clarify that "bottling plant" includes the filling of various container forms with a liquid product generated from culinary water, and is further, prohibited city-wide. Such amendments shall continue to allow for small scale alcohol beverage production.

The Planning Division may declare application of the "pending ordinance rule", which is established in Utah Code Section 10-9a-509 as a means of prohibiting certain uses for up to 180 days from the time a land use regulation petition is initiated. The 180-day period is intended to give the municipality time to get the petition through the planning commission and city council processes. The adoption process of the resulting ordinance will include review and recommendation by the Planning Commission prior to a review and decision by the City Council.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Concurrence to initiating the zoning amendment petition as noted above.



06/07/2021

Erin Mendenhall, Mayor

Date