



City of Woodland

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: January 20, 2009

SUBJECT: Ordinance to Amend Section 15-26(m) of the Municipal Code
Regarding Backup Generator Noise

Report in Brief

The Council has previously reviewed this item at their January 6th meeting with no comments received. Amendments to Chapter 15 of our Municipal Code will allow for the operation of backup generators for City facilities and the drilling of water wells.

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Ordinance _____ to amend Chapter 15 of the City of Woodland Municipal Code to provide for the testing and emergency use of backup generators for effective operation of City utilities and water wells.

Background

Under the current code, there is no provision for noise levels arising out of the use of emergency backup power generation and well drilling operations. The Ordinance would address those needs and allow for operations in emergency, electrical maintenance or during testing of such equipment. The operation is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act parameters and consistent with the City's General Plan and guidelines to provide for the maintenance of safe, reliable and sufficient water for the City's residents.

Discussion

The City has purchased generators that are reduced in sound levels and staff will continue to look at all other means of keeping the noise level generation to a minimum during these testing and emergency situations.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this proposed Ordinance.

Public Contact

Posting of the City Council agenda.

Alternative Courses of Action

1. Adopt Ordinance _____ to amend Chapter 15 of the City of Woodland Municipal Code to provide for the testing and emergency use of backup generators for effective operation of City utilities and water wells.
2. Cease further consideration of the proposed ordinance.

Recommendation for Action

Staff recommends that the City Council approve Alternative No. 1.

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Attachments: Ordinance

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODLAND
ADDING SECTION 15-26(M) TO THE WOODLAND MUNICIPAL CODE
RELATING TO BACKUP GENERATORS FOR CITY OF WOODLAND FACILITIES AND THE
DRILLING OF CITY OF WOODLAND WATER WELLS**

The City Council of the City of Woodland, State of California, does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to add Section 15-26(m) to the Woodland Municipal Code.

Section 2. Authority. The City of Woodland has authority to adopt this ordinance pursuant to the general police power granted to cities by Article 11, Section 7 of the California Constitution.

Section 3. Findings. The City Council hereby finds and declares:

1. Public testimony on the proposed Municipal Code amendment was taken; and
2. The proposed Municipal Code amendment has been reviewed in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the City Council has determined that the amendment is exempt from CEQA under Section 15061(b)(3), General Rule Exemption, of the CEQA Guidelines; and
3. The proposed Municipal Code amendment is consistent with the goals and policies of the General Plan and contributes towards the maintenance of a safe, reliable, and sufficient water supply for the City's residents.

Section 4. Amendment. Section 15-26(m) is hereby added to the Woodland Municipal Code to read as follows:

SEC. 15-26(m) Emergency Operation of Backup Generators for City of Woodland Facilities and the Drilling of City of Woodland Water Wells.

A backup generator used for the emergency operation of a City of Woodland water well or other City facility and the drilling of a City of Woodland water well shall not be considered loud, disturbing, or unnecessary noises.

Section 5. Effective Date and Notice. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption and, within fifteen (15) days after its passage, shall be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated within the City of Woodland.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2009 by the following vote:

- AYES:**
- NOES:**
- ABSENT:**
- ABSTAIN:**

ATTEST:

Sue Vannucci, City Clerk

Marlin H. Davies, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Andrew J. Morris, City Attorney