

CITY OF VINELAND

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-71

**ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2004-16,
CHAPTER 687, PART 4, ARTICLE XII, SECTION 687-89
OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND
ENTITLED WATER-SEWER UTILITY**

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2004, City Council adopted Ordinance 2004-16 setting forth requirements for applications for extension of water distribution system in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Municipal Utilities has recommended an amendment to the rules and steps applicants need to follow and complete for a more efficient and cost effective process; and

WHEREAS, City Council finds it to be in the best interest of the City and Water Utility to amend Section 687-89.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Vineland that Ordinance 2004-16, Chapter 687, Part 4, Article XII, Section 687-89 be amended by the deletion of Section 687-89, Paragraph B in its entirety and replaced as follows:

- B. Any applicant adding or extending the City of Vineland Water Public Distribution System shall adhere to the Water Utility Infrastructure Standards document and rules during the planning, pre-construction, construction and post construction phases of the project. The steps the contractor needs to take and the completed forms and data elements required to be provided back to the Water Utility Engineering office are outlined in this document in detail along with guidance on when and in what order they are required for the Water Utility to approve the project. Any failure to follow these steps may result in the withholding of those approvals from the Water Utility for the project and delays. At no time will extension and/or replacement of existing water main or addition of new water main in the water distribution system be permitted without an inspector on site. The applicant/contractor shall select an engineering firm for completing onsite inspections and water certifications from a list of third party, prequalified inspection firms in the standards document. The applicant/contractor shall be responsible for all costs for the selected engineering firm for all provided services and it is the responsibility of the applicant/contractor to confirm all current billing rates from the selected prequalified engineering firms. As a first step, a performance bond of 30 percent (30%) based on the contractors Water construction cost estimates for the water main, inline valves, hydrants and labor will be due to the Water Utility. The bond must be in a form of a letter of credit and is due prior to the start of construction. The maintenance bond will be held by the Water Utility for a period of 24 months, beginning at the completion date of the water main extension laboratory certification testing. Once the 24-month period is over, the applicant must request in writing to the Water Utility Engineer's office, for the release of the bond. In the event the new water main is considered private, the above bonds will be waived. All water main extensions and/or replacement of existing Water Mains shall be installed in complete compliance of The City of Vineland Water Utility Infrastructure Installation and Standards Manual which will be provided in all request for proposal documents for public bid as well projects for subdivisions that extend water service. All areas of excavation on public and/or private property must be restored to pre-excavation condition to also include private properties impacted by the project. All required Project Deliverables document must be provided to and approved by the Water Utility prior to final payment and/or formal acceptance for public use of the new infrastructure components.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the balance of Ordinance 2004-16, as amended, not amended hereby shall remain in full force and effect.

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that should any portion of this Ordinance be deemed unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, that portion so determined to be unenforceable, shall be void and the balance hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that should any Ordinance or portion thereof be inconsistent herewith, such Ordinance or portion thereof shall be void to the extent of such inconsistencies.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication according to law.

Passed first reading:

Passed final reading:

President of Council

Approved by the Mayor:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk